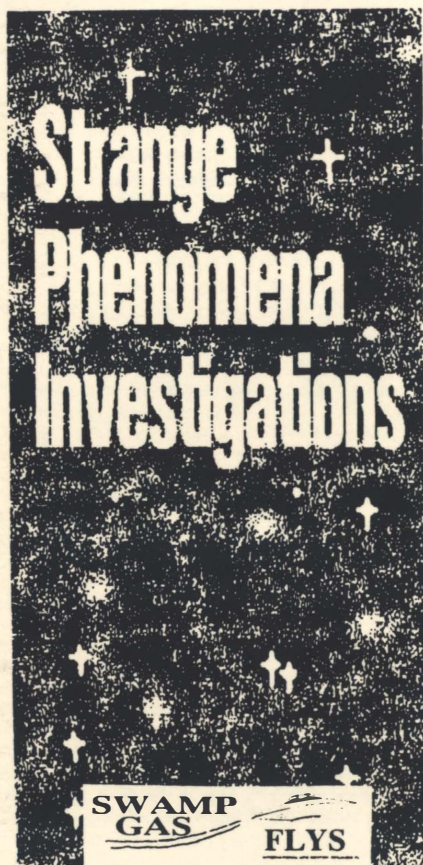


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EDITORIAL.



Welcome to yet another issue of SPI ENIGMAS which this time round is more or less UFO orientated. The big article this time, concerns questions raised by sceptics in regards to the Bonnybridge UFO Window area, is it justified, or are these people all full of hot air? Well I've been silent for far too long, but with recent events, I've decided to open the door and discuss these 'murmurings', and as far as I'm concerned, after this issue that's the end of it, no more correspondence or discussions will be entered into. Caledonia Television contacted me recently in regards to the possibility of producing a 'docu-drama' on Scotland's famous poltergeist case which occurred only a few miles away from where I stay back in 1960, [See ENIGMAS Feb-March 1994], hopefully in the near future this will become reality, for I do feel that a 'docu-drama' on this famous poltergeist case will prove extremely invaluable to showing the public what these things are really all about!

SPI conducted it's February skywatch at the scene of Garry Wood and Colin Wright's UFO Abduction, [See ENIGMAS, May-June 1994] at a particular stretch of the A70 West Lothian Central Scotland. On an extremely cold and windy night, SPI members braved the elements for just under an hour before calling it a night. The cloud cover was extensive, so that more or less killed all hopes of a good skywatch. SPI will return to this location later in the year, of which having seen it, one couldn't script or scene set any better, a location of which to have a UFO abduction! What sheer desolation in surroundings. It sure is a weird place folks.

I've had a lot of people say to me over the past few months, "Malcolm, when are you going to write a book, especially on what's happening over at Bonnybridge"? O.K. Let me say this, firstly I'd love to write a book about UFOlogy in Scotland encompassing the Bonnybridge saga, but you know what. I've so little time that I don't think I'll get round to it until at least my three daughters, Karen 14, Stacey 10, and Michelle 7, grow up, get married, and eventually settle down themselves. You see working shifts, writing the SPI Magazine, doing research, giving lectures, answering loads of world-wide correspondence, help bring up three kids, combing my hair (which seems to be moving faster than Hibs fans leaving Easter Road after a defeat from Hearts !!) and generally fast living! leaves little time to settle down in front of my word processor (which I haven't used as yet as I can't fathom it out, still using my smith corona typewriter). But one day, oh yes one day, I'll write that book. The information I have on file is extensive and really should be in the public domain and not stuck in a filing cabinet in my home.

Hopefully your next issue of ENIGMAS won't be late, for there is a good chance that your Editor with family will be moving house. If things turn out they way we hope they will, the move will be fine, but the headache of moving a life times collection of books, research work, etc etc, will be some task. Whatever though, ENIGMAS will certainly be with you.

S.P.I. Visit Edinburgh Airport.

A REPORT BY THE EDITOR.

Part of a UFO Investigator's job, is to get in touch with the local and National Airports in regards to clarifying whether any aircraft or helicopters were in the vicinity of a reported UFO sighting. This is to obviously eliminate the possibility that what was observed, was, or was not, as the case may be, the result of aircraft activity. Owing to the immense UFO reports which have been generated in Stirlingshire Central Scotland, I am forever in touch with airports to make sure that what was sighted was/was not an aircraft. Judging from the tone of some of the letters I receive back from the Airports, and reading between the lines, it would appear that they are getting a bit fed up of me writing and asking the same old questions week in and week out.

Anyway, to sort of remedy this situation, I compiled a questionnaire which basically asked questions like, (a) Can you provide times throughout the 24 hour clock of air flights over Falkirk and Bonnybridge, both commercial and private. (b) The same information as above, only this time in regards to helicopters. (c) Are there certain days in which would see a more "heavier" amount of Air traffic over Falkirk and Bonnybridge? If so, on which days and what times? (d) How many different types of aircraft fly over Falkirk and Bonnybridge? (e) Are flight patterns regulated to a specific corridor, or do some aircraft fly at different heights? These were but some of the many questions I put out to the different Scottish Airports in my questionnaire.

Some Airports replied back, whilst others never even bothered to reply. However, Edinburgh Airport stated the fact that due to my questionnaire being quite extensive and covered quite a lot of ground, it would perhaps be better if I along with some of my SPI colleagues, actually paid a visit to Edinburgh Airport in which they would be more than happy to answer my questions face to face.

Upon receiving the letter from Edinburgh Airport, I quickly arranged a date for a visit, and so on March the 6th, Stan Brown, Garry Wood, Helen Walters and myself, turned up at Edinburgh Airport. We were quickly taken into the control tower in which a certain gentleman, (I was informed that I was not to divulge his name (!)) replied to the many questions that were directed towards him. This gentleman replied with much conviction and was very helpfull.

We all learned that Stirlingshire see's a very high amount of air traffic each day en-route to Glasgow, Cumbernauld and Aberdeen airports. There were also a few private flying clubs dotted about Central Region. Of course the main question directed towards this chap was, Have you ever encountered a UFO during your time at Air Traffic Control? His firm reply was "no" and neither had any of his colleagues. They did receive UFO reports from time to time of which they generally had answers for! All in all, SPI's Edinburgh Airport visit had proved most helpfull, and was a continued step in the right direction between the relations of UFOlogists and Air Traffic Control.

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S.P.I. Assist T.V. Show.

A REPORT BY THE EDITOR.

The phone rings, I pick it up, I hear, "Hi Mr Robinson, I'm a researcher from the Anglia Television show The Time And The Place, could you provide me with information on people who have seen ghosts"? Here we go again I thought to myself. "Yeah sure, only too happy to oblige". And I spent the next few days phoning people I know who have witnessed ghosts. Like most paranormal subjects, when it comes to telling the world about your experience live on National T.V. it can prove a bit harrowing, and many choose not to do it for reasons which are obvious. However, I did manage to obtain some people who stated that they would gladly go on television and discuss their own particular incident.

The day arrived, (March 7th), and I entered the hospitality area at the Scottish Television Studios in Cowcaddens in Glasgow where the show was being transmitted from. Here I met up with both Daphne and John Plowman of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research, after which ex SPI member Ron Halliday arrived on the scene and we both engaged ourselves in deep conversation. Not long after this, Patricia Canavan accompanied by her husband Derek, arrived, both had been contacted by me and asked if they would like to appear to speak about their own strange experiences.

Readers may recall that Patricia and Derek had problems with ghosts in their house in Kilsyth back in August last year of which SPI were called out to. [see ENIGMAS Nov-Dec 1994 page 27]. After a lengthy chit chat, we were ushered through to the studio and shown to our seats. Show presenter John Stapleton then arrived on the scene and had members of the audience state their name and give a brief account of their experience, (being done for sound levels). This completed, and with notice given by the floor manager for the audience not to pick their nose or look up at the boom mike which was moving above their heads, the programme then got underway.

John Stapleton mentioned that one in ten people would experience a ghost at some point during their life. One chap mentioned that he was picked up out of bed and thrown to the floor. This chap had moved house three times to get away from the ghostly manifestations in his house, but it still followed both him and his wife. More cases followed, which included SPI's Kilsyth case, and Patricia Canavan explained to the audience and those watching at home, of some of the events which had occurred in her home. Professor Max Hammerton, a retired psychologist, then put forward the fact that human perception, although good, is not infallible and that there could be other explanations for ghosts and the like. Professor Archie Roy of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research then stated most firmly, that ghostly manifestations were real, and that there "are" such things as ghosts. His research had conclusively shown to him that these things were not tricks of the mind.

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The Reverend Tom Willis then stated that he himself had witnessed objects move of their own accord, after which psychic medium David Drew explained that he had been called out to hundreds of haunted houses and he went on to say that a poltergeist may not necessarily be an evil spirit, that it could be your mother, a child, or even your aunty trying to get a message through to you. (!)

We were then shown what appeared to be a photograph of a ghost, which in my opinion was very poor and really could have been anything. One lady then explained of a ghost that tried to throw her out of a window 'nasty' ! Another lady explained that she woke up one night with someone shaking or pulling her foot, she then felt very cold. Upon looking down at her foot, "there was nobody there" ! Other cases of ghostly manifestations were told, and although I had my hand up many times during the course of the show, I was not picked out to talk, neither it must be said, were any of the other Investigators, and I refer to both Daphne and John Plowman and also Ron Halliday.

However the show in my opinion was a success. Why ? Well it gave Joe public the opportunity to talk about their experiences without any editing. The only sceptic who made himself known on the show, was Professor Max Hammerton, but he was vastly outnumbered by the many people relating what had happened to them. So all in all, quite a good show, and although I never got a chance to speak, I was still glad to be a part of it.



UFO talks bid blocked

FALKIRK ADVERTISER
14th FEBRUARY 1995.

As the article presented here relates, talks have indeed broken down between SPI and Prime Minister John Major, but to be honest, we at SPI never really imagined that we would ever get to discuss the Bonnybridge UFO issue with the P.M. Still, it was worth a try, nothing ventured nothing gained as they say.

However we are still ongoing with our petition which aims to force the British Government to "wake up" and realise as to what is going on up here in Scotland with the many UFO sightings in Central Region. Lots of signatures have so far been gathered, but we still require many more. If you would like a petition to try and get names and addresses to assist us, then write to the Editorial address featured on page Two, and one will be despatched to you right away. You could play an important role in changing the face of British UFOlogy. We need action, we need signatures, we look to you to join the fight.

MINISTRY of Defence officials have refused to meet with local councillor Billy Buchanan to discuss UFO sightings over Falkirk District.

Councillor Buchanan had asked the Government to meet with him and UFOlogist Malcolm Robinson over "600 UFO sightings" in the area.

But the MoD say there is no evidence of phenomena of defence significance and a meeting would not "serve any useful purpose".

Councillor Buchanan said he was "disappointed and disgusted" at the response, but not surprised.

The MoD suggested he send them any additional information, and officials would look carefully at all the reports.

But Councillor Buchanan said: "There's no point in just sending down a pile of documents. It's discussions we need urgently." He has asked Falkirk West MP Dennis Canavan to raise the issue in the House of Commons.



Strange and Unknown

EXPERIENCE WITH AN INCUBY. !

I read a book by Jenny Randles and Peter Hough entitled the AFTERLIFE, and was taken aback when I read about the Incubus as I have been experiencing something over the past five years, I've told everyone I know to find out if anyone else has had this experience, (but they hadn't). I got to the stage where I thought I must be imagining them although they are very real. I was living with my boyfriend on the first occasion when I woke up in the early hours of the morning knowing something was in the room. I felt terrified and knew I was paralysed except for my eyes. I was on my side, looking outward from my bed, when I saw the bed 'rise up' as though someone had been sitting there. I looked at the clock, it was 04.00am. As much as I tried to nip or yell to my boyfriend, I couldn't do anything. When it passed, I turned over and cuddled up to my boyfriend and went to sleep. I told him what happened later that morning, (you could imagine what he said !)

A few weeks later, I got up at 04.00am, I was going to work. I walked down the street to be picked up from a friend, however, they didn't turn up. After standing about an hour, "I was frozen", I returned home, my boyfriend was still asleep in bed. I went into the living room and put on the gas fire, I admit that I was just about going into limbo when I was aware that something was behind me, but instead of being scared like the last time, I felt good. I felt that they were going to put their hands on me. But as I became more aware of what was happening, it started to move away from me. Sensing this, I said "please don't go". The next thing I knew, I felt as though something had put their hands on me, and this fantastic feeling went through my whole body, then I went to sleep. Again I told my boyfriend later that day, needless to say, he found it quite amusing. I also told my best friend about my experience, and jokingly said, my boyfriend can move out anytime and the ghost can stay. It's been here since, although my boyfriend and I broke up two years ago.

A few weeks later, I again woke up with the fear, my boyfriend again lying beside me. I was lying on my back and telling myself not to be scared and look. It was pitch black, but above my bed I saw what looked like the inside of a light bulb. I couldn't move, I was paralysed again. I tried to scream but couldn't get it out, I tried with all my might to nip my boyfriend and wake him, but couldn't as I watched this zig zag light. It seemed to stay stationary but I could feel a force coming towards me. I tried to scream but "it" came, and I could feel it go through me. Then, when it passed, I went back to sleep again telling my boyfriend about it later.

It seems to go with me ! I even went to Portugal my holidays and it went with me. By this time I thought I was dreaming or having night-mares. However, feeling the presence one night and again I was paralysed. I said to my best friend Janice to get it off me. It finally went and I drifted back to sleep. But later that day, laughing, I said I had a visit from my ghost through the night and I tried to wake you up to get it off me, but you didn't. Janice looked at me in disbelief and said, "I heard you saying get it off me, but when I looked over at you, you looked as though you were sleeping". And I said "but I'm paralysed at the time and can only move my eyes and my mouth slightly". She was horrified and said "don't tell me anymore". And I knew then that I wasn't dreaming, this really was happening and if I hadn't read Jenny and Peter's book, I would still be thinking that I was dreaming !

Tracey Walsh, Bathgate, West Lothian, Scotland.

I'VE MET ALIENS !

I call myself a Spiritual medium and I have all the gifts that go with that state of being. As a child I would go into trance states and it took me many years to understand where I went to. I was taken on a journey a few months ago from my bed while I was wide awake, and I saw these three little space beings who were totally surrounded in colour, and they had beautiful blue eyes. I saw myself as a little girl of three years old, and I knew that these beings had been my friends since then. I am now 50. As a child I dreamt two dreams about Wellington, which is the Capital city of New Zealand and where I spent my childhood. It was a city like it had been hit by a bomb. In the second dream there was no water in the harbour only the rocks. On Friday 11th March 1983, my husband and I were going along the Wellington Motorway, when I saw all the buildings along the terrace swaying in slow motion. My husband saw nothing. For six months I saw the motorway lift, bridges collapse, and I watched a train come off the tracks onto the motorway. Lastly, I saw a huge tidal wave hit right along the motorway. I had dreams where I was told the time and the date, but not the year.

However, on Sunday night March 11th 1984, when I thought it would happen, was the first night when I heard this throbbing vibration noise which was so loud that it filled my bedroom, my husband heard nothing. In the morning the bedroom was filled with sulphur. From then on and for many years, I heard sounds of all different degrees in pitches. Once I heard three beeps in my right ear and all the other sounds had disappeared. I came out of a bank on a busy street and everything had stopped for a split second in time. I've seen a mothership with five little spaceships in Wainuiomata in November 1985 (I think). The mothership was a big red light, and the small ones were either green or blue. As my friend and I watched, the little ones became part of the red light, and then it looked as if it was coming closer and then it zoomed away. The night was silent and strange.

Around that time during meditation, I was invited into a spaceship and I saw a being in a silver suit and several others that were moving around. I could see panels of coloured lights and a huge dark window, I didn't see any faces. I ran a daycare centre for children, and one morning I was sitting by the telephone when a beautiful space being appeared in front of me. He was in a gown and was about eight feet tall. He had these beautiful blue eyes, his hands were slender, and his fingers were very long jointed. His face was almost transparent skin with high cheek bones. I think he had a slight nose but no ears. He had no hair. He stood and looked at me for about a minute. I now know that his name is Zoel, and he comes from the planet Uranus.

When I moved to Auckland, I went out to meet groups that run UFO groups, and though there are many who are nice and who are searching, there are many who play those power games. During my time of searching for the truth about UFOs, I have met and seen these beings of light. Once during meditation when I asked about space beings, I was shown into a place that was built like a Greek theatre where all these beings in white gowns were sitting and listening to a being that was standing in the middle. He said that what I was seeing 'was right' and that I should have no fear. The second time I saw them was the night after I thought the Wellington Earthquake would hit. I was confused of course and in sleepstate, I saw these same beings and they showed me into a place.

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I don't remember what happened there, but I knew that everything was as it should be. The third time was at this meeting of UFO people that I'd never met before, and up in the sky was these same space beings walking down on a beam of light. I was told to tell the leader of this group, and to challenge him, but unfortunately he declined. I have seen several space beings, one in total white with eyes of tiny coloured lights, one in total gold. I was watching a T.V. programme one evening and it was about the Greys, in my lounge I saw this group of Greys and I knew it was them that were carrying out the abductions. I saw my white space being.

One evening whilst watching T.V. on my own, I heard this high pitched sound which came from a point of about six feet above my head. I was told to turn the T.V. off, but apart from the sound I didn't hear anything else. In another group that I went to see, they were quite happy to let these Greys use them for breeding a new race somewhere, but I think this is another form of abuse. I did learn however, some of the other signs of abductions, and it was during this time of searching that I was waking up with strange bruises on my stomach which would take forever to heal, and my body seemed full of sulphur in the mornings. I suffered from real lows of depression as well, which was hard to take.

The last time I was in the spare bedroom trying to sleep when I looked out of the window and saw this very bright white light. Also, along the back wall of our house I felt this vibration and a pump like sound. I have felt fine since. I can't explain this however. I have woken up with the house filled with white light, fallen straight back to sleep, and when I've woken up again, the house was dark. I have been woken with a sound that fills the house but no one else can hear it. I've asked that the sounds be turned down. I have seen a small brilliant rainbow in the sky, a white zigzag light in an almost clear blue sky. I've seen a flash of white light that shot across the night sky. I've felt I was flying among the clouds listening to this voice talking to me. I saw this white shape walk past me as I sat watching one late night.

I've seen so many unexplained things but I don't fear them. I feel that the space beings are watching us and every now and then we are privileged to see them. I don't know if my letter is what you are interested in, but I feel I should write anyway as New Zealand is far behind in these matters. I've started a group called "One Light Foundation" which is a name given to me by spirit. I believe now is the time to reach whoever !

Mrs Janice Knox, Manurewa, Auckland, New Zealand.

MAGAZINE REVIEW.

ANNALS, No 24, APRIL/JUNE 1995. (A4) Editor Gerry Lovell has with this issue, changed the format of ANNALS from A5, to the larger A4 and it hasn't suffered at all, (well apart from he should use a centre staple then two page end ones !). Gerry uses his desk top publisher well, and articles such as, Bob Lazar's UFO knowledge, Near Death Experiences And UFO abductions, Contactees And Spontaneous Invisibility, set the stall for a smashing wee mag. Good change Gerry. Subscriptions are. Single copy (UK) £1:75 & 25p (p&p) Annual subscription (UK) £7:00. Overseas (Airmail) Europe £10:00. (Drawn on UK Banks). USA & Canada, \$14:00 (Bills only). Cheques payable to, G. Lovell, 8 St John Street, Wells, Somerset, England, BA5 1SW.

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Letter From Jenny Randles.

The following is a written statement by UFO researcher and author Jenny Randles in response to my criticism of the Bonnybridge UFO chapter featured in the recent book of the T.V. series, "STRANGE BUT TRUE" ? written by Jenny Randles and Peter Hough. This is what she had to say.

Dear Malcolm.

Nice to see the latest issue of ENIGMAS. Excellent as ever.

However, I wanted to comment on your mentions of STRANGE BUT TRUE ? with which, as I think you know, I had some behind the scenes association.

Firstly, regarding Bob Taylor. The decision to include his story in the Bonnybridge report was taken by the production team. I preferred that we build up Garry and Colin's reservoir encounter, as I felt this very impressive, and frankly in my view, it was underused. However, the need to include Bob Taylor's story was considered paramount, largely because of it's potential for reconstruction. This was an important part of the series ethos, and I fully appreciate why producer David Alpine chose this route. All of the stories in the series had some element of reconstruction. In the pilot for example an actor portrayed Alan Godfrey when we featured his abduction case, interspersed here with interviews with the man himself. Indeed, in many of the stories in the series, the lookalike actors were so expertly intercut with the actual interviews with real witnesses, that you might not have realised that some of the scenes 'were' reconstructions. (although there was a little symbol pointing this out that appeared from time to time at the bottom of the screen).

In other words, STRANGE BUT TRUE ? did not resort to having an actor portray Bob Taylor because he refused to grant an interview, as you imply. This scene would have been reconstructed even if he had appeared on camera. Of course it was preferred that he be interviewed as well, and he was asked, twice to my knowledge. It was of course his decision to say no, but to imply that the show harassed him is a bit unfair. At the time these requests were made, he had just put himself back into the public domain by responding to press stories arising from Stuart Campbell's book and his absurd theory about a mirage. Bob was openly commenting about this in at least one press interview I saw. So the line LWTV used with Bob, at my suggestion, was that he was understandably concerned by what Stuart Campbell was saying by speaking out in the local press. By talking on the programme, this would have given him the chance to reach millions of people at once and effectively silence his critics once and for all.

I believe that Bob could have readily refuted the theory on camera had he chosen to do so. As it was, he decided otherwise. But I do not think it was unreasonable under the presiding circumstances for us to have asked him to take part. You imply that we hounded him down in retirement when he had chosen to remain out of public view. If that were the case, I would agree with what you said, but I remind readers of ENIGMAS that Bob had just come into the open of his own volition to appear in local press stories. Surely that makes all the difference to the question of ethics ?

Moving on to your review of the book STRANGE BUT TRUE ? and it's glaring 'mistake' and the 'tone' adopted by its authors (Peter Hough and myself) criticising Bonnybridge. Again with due respect, I think this was a little unfair.

Firstly let me explain that Peter and I did not have free reign to write our own views. We were not contracted by a publishers to write a book of our own choice, but as consultants to the T.V. company LWTV (London Weekend Television), were asked to adapt their

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their scripts. This included interview material that was never used on the programme, although we had to severely restrict our use of this. The book had to be more than just a verbal transcript of the programmes, of course, but there were reasonable limits imposed on what we could and could not do, and David Alpine as programme and book editor, had the final word on what went in and what was left out. This was as it should have been as the book was reflecting the T.V. series. When writing about Bonnybridge, the opinions expressed at the very end of the chapter regarding the towns use of publicity are clearly referenced from another researcher, (namely Ron Halliday, Editor). In the book we named that researcher, as we felt his views should be attributed, as I am sure he would have wished. However, as no interview material from him was included on the T.V. programme itself, we were asked to excise his name at proof stage. This was one instance when we argued our case over the book and lost, but it was ultimately not our decision to take. However it was not unreasonable to present this man's viewpoint on the matter even so to illustrate that there were counter opinions about Bonnybridge.

I accept what you say about the piper and the cake. I am sure it was done out of pure Scottish hospitality, (and next time we foreigners from England come to town, I trust we will receive the same delights !) These remarks stem from an initially longer reference to a press article, (Featured in this report, Editor), in which the UFOlogist in question raised this issue by way of these remarks. Whether you agree with him or not, (Ron Halliday, Editor), it was surely a valid point to make. The press story which did refer to the piper, the cake, and Billy Buchanan's quip about a Japanese car factory, was, as noted in the book, surely just an innocent jest. That said, you have to see why some people might make the connection with Livingston and suggest that Bonnybridge might be seeking to enhance its status with help from UFO activity.

This is all we did, repeat the comments that 'were' being made in the press and by other UFOlogists. Surely it was not unreasonable for us to do so ? Your comments and councillor Buchanan's views were given as well, so it was not a one sided presentation.

Incidentally, it is not really correct to suggest that we accept the reality of the Pennine window but reject Bonnybridge. I have never seen anybody infer that local councils might be using the UFO sightings in the Pennines to promote themselves. Believe me if anybody has any evidence to the contrary I would love to see it and would discuss it when talking about the area. Equally, I do not for one minute believe that just because a town promotes its UFO activity with gusto, that this is the equivalent of fabricating the events in the first place. In many respects people would regard this promotion as purely entrepreneurial after the fact and not something to demean.

If you look at what we say on this last page or so of our Bonnybridge chapter, I do not think our 'tone' infers that we debunk Bonnybridge. Note carefully the key quotes in our final summing up, (P. 129) Viz: "There were those who have 'rather cynically' suggested that Billy Buchanan's promotion of the Bonnybridge affair may have owed something to opportunism.... Buchanan answers these charges 'very fairly' (followed by a paragraph where we quote the councillor).

Note that we do not suggest that the sightings in the first place are false, only that their promotion might owe something to opportunism, a very different thing. Equally the two phrases that I have here emphasised do, I trust, indicate how we subtly tend to direct the reader. We refer to the accusations as being 'cynical' and Billy Buchanan's response to them as being 'very fair'. If this creates a tone which is rebuking the town then I am at a loss to see how.

For the record, I will point out my personal opinion about Bonnybridge. I do believe in the reality of window areas, but my problem with Bonnybridge is that there is little to indicate it has a historic track record of sightings. That is certainly what differentiates it from say the Pennines or the Brown Mountains of Texas, or the Tully region

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of Queensland or La Malmont in Southern France where you can trace a window area through records dating back many decades, even centuries. Now it may be that such a track record exists for Bonnybridge and nobody has found it or reported on it as yet. If so, that's clearly a research task for SPI. Equally, it may be that windows can spring up out of nowhere, as this one seemed to do in 1989. I have an open mind on that possibility, but most theories about window areas would tend to suggest otherwise. In addition, there is no doubt from all we know about UFO activity that only a tiny fraction of sightings ever get reported to UFOlogists. Statistical surveys indicate this as one in ten, or even considerably less. Moreover, we also know from past studies (eg, the 31st December 1978 satellite re-entry affair) that when a sighting gets promoted, it encourages other witnesses to come forward who would have otherwise remained silent. It is therefore logical to suggest that when an area is so effectively promoted as a window as Bonnybridge has been, indeed not just locally, but Internationally, then the number of reported sightings will inevitably rocket.

Also locals will be encouraged to come into the open. The press and active UFOlogists offer focal points to receive sightings that witnesses might otherwise have been unaware existed. Hotlines were even set up. A book is now being written about the area, (sadly not by you, I gather, although I hope I'm wrong!) The opportunities for witnesses multiply beyond those normally available.

All of this is bound to increase the number of sightings flowing in by several fold. Consequently, there are important social factors at work within Bonnybridge which you cannot afford to overlook. They have also been at work in Gulf Breeze in my opinion with equal effectiveness since 1987. In other words, say that pre 1989, Bonnybridge generated 5 sightings per year, as did some other location that nobody thinks of as a window area, (let's pick Fleetwood). We can reasonably assume that these 5 came out of a real total of maybe 50-100 sightings or more per year. These sightings were made but mostly never reported. Fleetwood remains unpromoted so it continues to tick over at five per annum. Bonnybridge on the other hand, becomes the focal point of attention and lots more witnesses from that 50-100 plus, are encouraged to speak out. As such, perhaps 30-40 sightings or even more come in for the next year and Bonnybridge immediately appears to be a window. The process is self fuelling, and continued attention to these reports is bound to bring more and more reports.

None of this is to argue that Bonnybridge was not a window area in the first place. Obviously the first sightings had to come from somewhere. This might have been an isolated flap that got the snowball rolling downhill, or it could have been a genuine manifestation of window areaness, (if there can be such a thing!) I would not pre-judge the issue, and look forward to the books and full reports that are going to come in future. These should try to, and may indeed prove, the status of Bonnybridge.

All that I am saying is that a note of caution is required. These are views that sceptics will raise against the continued claim that Bonnybridge is the biggest window area in Britain. It may be, but do not just ignore the critics, because their views are valid parts of this complex equation. And do seek out that past historical record, for if it exists for the Bonnybridge area, then it will do more than a thousand arguments to counter the charges that this town's UFO prominence is a result of hype, not an unusual level of UFO reality.

Best Wishes Jenny Randles, Fleetwood, February 1995.

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A RESPONSE BY THE EDITOR, TO JENNY RANGLES LETTER.

(PLUS, IS BONNYBRIDGE A CIRCUS?)

Essentially I was just going to present Jenny's letter and that would be that, but not only do I feel that I have to address some of the points that Jenny makes in her letter, but I also feel that it's about time that I cleared the air with the other accusations which were flying about from other individuals about how they saw the Bonnybridge issue. So although it's a wee bit belated, I feel I must inform the readers about what the sceptics were/are saying about this amazing UFO "window area". First of all though, I'll address some of Jenny's points.

I would like to make it clear, that I wasn't inferring in my report last issue, that either Jenny or Peter Hough, or indeed London Weekend Television 'harrassed' Bob Taylor the witness in the Livingston Incident. I was plainly referring to journalists. Obviously Jenny, Peter, and LWT, had a job to do, and they were quite right to make contact with Bob to see how he felt about an interview. As far as Bonnybridge being a "window area". Well let's be honest, "window areas" have to start somewhere at sometime or we wouldn't have "window areas" would we. And as far as checking historical background records to ascertain if UFO sightings go back further than 1989, well SPI are currently in the process of that now, [see letter below].

The Bonnybridge UFO "window area" essentially opened up, [as far as SPI were concerned] in November 1992, when the first reports became known to us. Added research since then has shown that UFO reports go as far back as 1982. Indeed, I have on file a number of reports from around the same area and also press cuttings to back this up, including a radio Scotland interview I did about the Falkirk/Denny UFO sightings in 1982. So this area DID see UFO sightings in the past, and, as I say, I am currently checking back further to see how far reports have went from within this area, and to this I'll keep you posted.

As for the UFO hotline being set up. Well the hotline was set up by another Scottish UFOlogist, Ken Higgins, although having said that, the SPI phone number was indeed used in a number of Scottish newspapers solely as a contact number to report any UFO sightings. There is no problem in setting up a UFO Hotline, for this is only to gauge if indeed there is something "going on", without it, how do we know, tell me that!

Have you seen lights in the sky?

Sir, — As your readers may be aware, there are a growing number of UFO reports from within Central Region, particularly over the town of...

Falkirk and Bonnybridge. Indeed sightings are still being reported.

My reason for this letter is to actually gauge how far back these UFO sightings have gone throughout the years. I would be particularly interested to hear from elderly citizens from Bonnybridge and Falkirk in regards to if they can recall from their childhood sighting what could be termed a UFO in the sky.

Were there such things as UFOs back in the 1930s, 40s, 50s over Falkirk and Bonnybridge? Hearing from such people will prove most helpful to my research, and they may contact me at the address below. All letters will be treated in confidence. — Yours etc.,

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SPI has never at any time, said to the press that Bonnybridge 'was' the biggest UFO "window area" in Britain, this statement was built up by the press, and for anyone who has worked with the press, well they will know that. We did say it was a "window area", but we never said it was the biggest. There is a lot of points in Jenny's letter I agree with, and the above points are really the only one's that I'd like to clear up

My anger was really not directed towards either Jenny or Peter, but to those other UFOlogists who from the outset stated that Bonnybridge was one big publicity stunt started by Councillor Billy Buchanan. This fed through to other UFOlogists, and before you knew it, accusations were flying around accusing Billy and I of 'hyping it all up'. Now I have remained quite on this issue for some time now but owe it to the readers of this Journal to inform them on what was going on. So, is Bonnybridge a circus? well

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let's start asking questions shall we? The main accusations came from two Scottish UFOlogists, one being Ken Higgins who ran his own group SRUFO, and Ron Halliday, an ex SPI member who now runs Scottish Earth Mystery Research, (see Ron Halliday's press report below)

Billy's unidentified flying 'circus'

BONNYBRIDGE councillor Billy Buchanan has been accused of turning the town's UFO sightings into "a circus".

Top ufologist Ron Halliday said: "I am concerned about the way it was handled."

"I don't want to get personal, but, with all respect to Billy, it was a bit of a circus. A number of people have been upset by this."

Mr Halliday, who helped set up the Scottish UFO Report Line last year, added Councillor Buchanan did not appear to be encouraging serious investigation of the hundreds of sightings.

"He has been on a different track from UFO investigators — I think he's more interested in Bonnybridge getting some publicity. That makes it difficult to

investigate these sightings properly."

Mr Halliday added that most of the Bonnybridge sightings were likely to have natural explanations; for example, a Scottish Power helicopter which was known to be operating in the area around the time sightings peaked last winter.

But he said that left some which merited serious investigation, which was hard to do in the atmosphere of excitement which had been whipped up.

But Councillor Buchanan denied he was using the sightings as a publicity stunt.

He said: "I have no real belief in UFOs. I have just tried to act as a buffer zone for my constituents. They came to me with the sightings — I didn't go out looking for them."

Councillor Buchanan added the Japanese film crew which descended on the village two weeks ago to film a documentary on the sightings had been well pleased with the results. "The crew have a lot of experience and they were convinced something strange has been happening in this area."

Malcolm Robinson of Strange Phenomena Investigations said UFO sightings were often reported around petro-chemical plants and Grangemouth could be the magnet for aliens.

But he added: "That is speculation, not a definitive answer and these sightings do not conform to normal aircraft design."

Mr Robinson said the Bonnybridge sightings coincided with a claimed world-wide increase in UFO activity.

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So as we can see from the above, Mr Halliday was of the opinion that the vast majority of the Bonnybridge UFO sightings were due to a Scottish Power helicopter, this view was also shared by Ken Higgins. Now I've always stated the fact, that there are always natural identifiable solutions to be found to account for "most" UFO reports, indeed I always quote the figure of 95%, it's just this 5% which we UFOlogists are more concerned with. SPI extensively checked the Scottish Power helicopter shift for the dates in question, (on UFO sightings) and NO Scottish Power helicopters were in the area at that time.

Puzzling events

Sir, — I found it incredible to read Ron Halliday's comments regarding Councillor Billy Buchanan's handling of the UFO reports in Bonnybridge as a "circus" and a publicity stunt in last week's Falkirk Herald.

The facts are that Mr Halliday has never met, talked to, or written to Councillor Buchanan or researched any UFO case from the Bonnybridge area, yet he has the audacity to make sweeping statements regarding Billy and his assistance to me regarding these puzzling events.

Well over 200 people attended a lecture I gave in Bonnybridge regarding these UFO sightings and many witnesses have phoned me since with their accounts.

Strange Phenomena Investigations tackled these sightings in a professional manner. How we can be billed by Mr Halliday as a "circus" is totally beyond me, especially from one who is not privy to the facts and has not spoken to those concerned. — Yours etc.,

MALCOLM ROBINSON

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Courageous councillor

Sir, — I would like to commend Councillor Billy Buchanan on having the courage to take up his constituents' accounts of sightings of UFOs and assisting myself with research on such cases. Also for showing good Scottish hospitality to the TV crew from the giant Nippon television station in Japan who were in Bonnybridge recently to film UFO accounts for their world wide UFO documentary.

Councillor Buchanan has not shied away from his responsibility in taking up his constituents' reports. Some would have tended to ignore them and shrug their shoulders and move on to other things. Not Billy.

Be it a burst water pipe to UFO sightings he acts in the interests of the people he has to serve but finds himself facing criticism from fellow councillors and general "micky taking".

I feel that Councillor Buchanan has done a grand job and shown that no matter what the issue people come first. Finally, can I ask any reader who has seen what they think may be a UFO recently, to get in touch with me. — Yours etc.,

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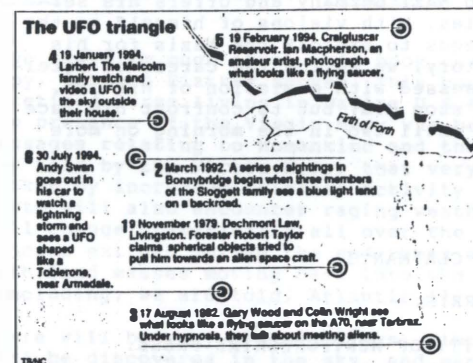
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Let me make it clear once and for all. Billy Buchanan was elected to serve his constituents. Tell me this, was he to turn his back on the many people who contacted him with their UFO reports? Of course not, for the simple reason, he was elected to serve them, not ignore them. And do remember, SPI received many other UFO reports which were not fed through Councillor Buchanan, (and indeed we still are) Billy Buchanan is a colourful character as anyone who has met him will no doubt find out. He has come in for a lot of stick, and is obviously upset at all this criticism. But he informs me that he will continue to tell me about any new UFO reports from his region, and will ignore the small mindedness of those who have nothing better to do with their time than throw unsubstantiated accusations at him.



Cir BILLY BUCHANAN

Now moving on, and to be fair to Ron Halliday. I've spoken to Ron several times since the Falkirk Herald article featured on the previous page, and Ron fully accepts that there is indeed "something" going on in the skies above Bonnybridge, his only quip is in regards to the exact amount of sightings. And Ron is quite right to question this figure which initially stood at 200 sightings, then went to 500, 800, now it's reported, (not by me) to be around 1000 sightings over the past three years (!) So there is a big question mark on this figure. The press ask me what figure I'm happy with and my research estimates (with facts) that the number of UFO sightings are around 250. Both Billy and I mention to the press that there must be other people who have sighted something but who haven't come forward, and perhaps this is where speculations rise (!!)



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sts should all be sailing on the same boat, not swimming behind clutching at drag ropes. I sincerely hope, that whatever happens in regards to the Bonnybridge UFOs, we will be wiser and not be throwing stones at one another. At the end of the day, we are all working towards the same cause, that of providing answers. Life is never plain sailing, there will always be differences of opinion. As I say, we at SPI don't mind criticism, as long as it's constructive. To think that we shocked other UFOlogists by providing a piper to pipe in a Japanese Television crew into their hotel is beyond belief. Like I say, since when did good old Scottish hospitality stop?

To complete this highly edited article, let me finish by saying, don't forget the press's part in this. I have worked with newspapers for a good number of years now. They misquote you, they create innuendo, and although the reporter that deals with you may be O.K. There is always Editorial cutting. Think about it !!!

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UFO reports are still coming into SPI, some from Bonnybridge, others from other areas. This is solely due to requests made by SPI through various newspapers that we have worked with recently, for witnesses to come forward with their sightings. And you know what? People are now coming forward with their sightings because they know that many others have done so before them. Yes they are still misidentifications, there always will be, but please believe me that Bonnybridge and Falkirk and other towns within Central Scotland, are experiencing something unusual in their skies.

We at SPI hope that, balanced objective research, and for that matter, fair criticism, will be productive. UFOlogi-

Recommended books

TITLE: INCEPTION.

AUTHOR: W.A. HARBINSON. **PUBLISHER:** NEW ENGLISH LIBRARY.

PRICE: £5.99 (pbk).

The first book in the Project Saucer tetralogy, and fascinating reading it makes too ! Against a meticulously researched historical backdrop, author W.A. Harbinson presents us with a terrestrial explanation for UFOs, something which is refreshing within itself. Cunningly interweaving fiction with historical fact in such a way that one scarcely sees the joins. He tells the story of the mysterious John Wilson.

Born in America at the end of the last century, Wilson is unable to get sufficient support to develop his revolutionary flying machines. Completely obsessed with his scientific work, which includes the creation of a race of scientific geniuses, he goes to Nazi Germany and offers his services in exchange for research facilities. With visions of himself as the leader of this new super-race, he proceeds to exploit the Nazis for his own ends. Side by side with Wilson's story, we follow the career of Intelligence officer Mike Bradley, a man obsessed with a mission of his own, namely to find Wilson, and not only to stop him, but to confront him face to face. This book kept me from my bed until two in the morning on more than one occasion !

Reviewed by Marina Jones.

TITLE: GUIDELINES FOR TESTING PSYCHIC CLAIMANTS.

AUTHOR: RICHARD WISEMAN & ROBERT L. MORRIS.

PRICE: £7.00 (pbk) **PUBLISHER:** UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE PRESS.

It's all very well people claiming that they are psychic, but how do we define if they truly are ? Well the two authors have set out in this fine booklet (72pp) just how to go about finding out. The training of researchers is also important, and we are told that they should consult with magicians to gain a knowledge of conjuring skills to identify 'novel forms of trickery'. And did you know that there is an entire branch of magic that aims to fool "only" magicians, and is referred to as 'magic for magicians' (!).

Gaining background on the psychic claimant is also important, and even the most genuine sounding individual, may lie and cheat to obtain attention and get their name into the papers and obtain self publicity. So one has to be very careful whilst dealing with individuals who claim psychic ability. I know it can be very hard to try and "bring on" psychic ability in laboratory conditions. It can and has happened in the past, but generally speaking it can be difficult, and as the authors say, to get round

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non appearance of psychic ability, the claimant psychic will say, "Well my friends, conditions sometimes are just not right for this sort of thing". This can be seen in either two ways. One that they are either correct in this statement, or two, they have no psychic ability at all and find it difficult to use their cheating skills in the laboratory (!)

This thorough little book sets out it's stall on all aspects of dealing with the psychic claimant. It may not please everybody, but to be fair to science, I believe we need the back up of these researchers to really get involved and take part in psychic testing. Yes there are frauds and charlatans, but them aside, there is an abundance of genuine psychics out there, and if we can show through the testing of such psychics, then I am sure we are on the right road to making the subject of psychic phenomena and psychic individuals more respectable, and as such, this book is a good reference tool for the serious researcher to have, and I highly recommend it.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: MARY'S MESSAGE TO THE WORLD.

AUTHOR: ANNIE KIRKWOOD. **PUBLISHER:** PIATKUS BOOKS. **PRICE:** £9.99.

I've heard so much about this book that I just had to get my hands on a copy, (thanks Piatkus Books). This book centers round one Annie Kirkwood a retired nurse living in Dallas U.S.A. In her mind, she began to sense the presence of the Virgin Mary who began to entrust to Annie, important messages relating to humankind and their survival on planet Earth. Annie was told by the Virgin Mary, that very soon planet Earth will be violently shaken by increased volcanic activity and also many earthquakes. The Earth will also encounter raging weather storms, in which weather patterns will change dramatically all over the world, and many wild animals will be come extinct during the end times when all the world will be changing with land masses moving back into the sea, and new land masses surfacing, (including, we are told, Atlantis !).

There will be many UFO sightings, almost daily we are told. Many new stars will be discovered in the sky, and many new comets will come into our solar system. We are told that all the brains in the world will not be able to stop the onslaught of the Earth's changes. However, for all the troubles we are about to receive, things ain't quite so bad, because the Virgin Mary informs us that after all the devastation of our dying world will evolve a new and revitalised world in which everyone will live in harmony, (as if !)

I won't alarm my overseas readers with the alleged troubles that will befall your country, if you want to know, buy the book, see page 30. Before this new world however, we are in for a third world war, plus the world will turn on it's axis, (cor blimey, pass the valium !) There will also be discoveries of archeological treasures. The Virgin Mary will also start to appear in many countries on a regular basis.

After the early depressing chapters, we move onto the second part of the book, this deals with Mary and Joseph's life together on Earth. Now we

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all know our Bible stories or Primary school stories about Mary and Joseph, but to read the alleged true account of their lives and the birth of baby Jesus is absolutely fascinating, "it's really something else" ! Honestly, if true, it's mind blowing. The chapter, The Aftertime, deals with the new planet Earth and how lovely the Earth will be. New elements will be discovered, new methods of communicating with other planets will be set in motion, and also the spirit world ! We are told that in the new era Earth will have 1000 years of peace, there will be no fear, anger or hostility. In summing up, this is some book, but remember, it's all down to channelling. Do we accept that Annie Kirkwood truly was in communication with the Virgin Mary ? If this book is indeed true, then it looks like the people of planet Earth are in for a rough ride. This is an important book and deserves your attention.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: STAR CHILDREN.

AUTHOR: JENNY RANGLES. PUBLISHER: ROBERT HALE LTD.

PRICE: £14.99.



Has "oor" Jenny come off the fence ? Is "oor" Jenny a Star Child ? What is a Star Child ? Well essentially Star Children are individuals who feel that they really don't belong of this Earth, that there true origin is somewhere within the stars and planets that make up our universe, (or someone else's for that matter !) Jenny mentions that many Star Children encounter in there early years, strange balls of light which dance and hover around their bedrooms at night. She calls them "psychic toys". These "psychic toys" have the ability to float and pass through solid walls.

The reader is presented case after case of Star Children who have encountered UFO sightings, met with 'strange people' and had alien visitation in there bedroom. Audrey from Devon in England, wrote to Jenny with numerous strange events some of which were directed to her through automatic writing from an alien who called himself 'Gok' who told her that during a previous life she had lived on a planet in the star system of Alpha Centauri. Another Star Child, from Edinburgh in Scotland, mentioned to Jenny that she had been contacted by aliens from a planet orbiting the star Zeta Tucanae in the Reticula system, and that they were here interbreeding with Earth people. The result being, that "some" alien/human hybrids look very similar to Earth people, apart from, it seems, the eyes which are often deep blue and when looked into, seem to captivate.

Jenny presents many cases of UFO abduction, or "space-napping" as she prefers to call it. The human/alien interbreeding process is discussed at length and truly is an eye-opener. But where the book explodes, at least for me, is the chapter entitled, 'Unlocking the Genie' Here Jenny delves into her past psychic life, and early UFO encounters are looked at and given much thought. By the way, we at SPI are glad that Jenny didn't go to Edinburgh to study astrophysics ! Why ? Well read the book and find out ! This is a great chapter, and includes the possibility that Jenny was herself abducted from a train. Was it a dream ? Is Jenny

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trying to say that she thinks she is a Star Child ? Well judge for yourself when you buy this book. We all know about abductions, but are these abductions really happening in a craft in deep space ? or, as Jenny brilliantly puts it with this fine analogy, these circular rooms are not in a UFO but just an illusion created for us to think that it's onboard a craft ! Jenny puts it like this.

Imagine that a marine biologist was interested in a dolphin. The scientist might render the animal unconscious as it swam curiously towards a searchlight on a boat. Then, with the dolphin unaware of what had happened, it could be taken back to a specially created tank that was purpose built to house dolphins in some nearby seaport laboratory. Surrounded by strange dials and equipment the scientist may then plant an electronic tagging device into the still groggy creature, then give it another shot to render it unconscious for the fretful journey home and, taking it back out to sea, replace the captive into it's own environment.

Do you see what she's getting at ? Read it again and put it into context with a typical abductee claiming to be taken onboard a UFO. It's like some of the things which abductees consider to be part of an alien environment, may in fact, be really an environment specially constructed for them. Jenny again puts it like this, and I quote.

Remember our problem with the dolphin interacting with human scientists. We don't have a clue how dolphins think, what dolphin society is like, and yet we have shared this planet with them for millions of years. It is ludicrously presumptuous of us to assume that we could ever interpret the thoughts, actions, and intentions of alien visitors who might therefore be behind the education programme or, indeed, the entire Star Child mystery.

This is a valuable book and will play a vital role I think in educating the public to the possibility that the real aliens may indeed be "us" ! at least in part ! Indeed the appendix section has a few pages giving out questions to determine if you the reader of the book, are a Star Child yourself ! Yes cracking book Jenny. How do you follow that ?

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

TITLE: THE COMPLETE BOOK OF UFOs.

AUTHORS: JENNY RANGLES AND PETER HOUGH. PUBLISHER: PIATKUS BOOKS.

PRICE: £10.99 (pbk).

I have already reviewed the hardback version of this book in a previous issue of ENIGMAS. Piatkus has now released the paperback version. Their own flyer notes state. THE COMPLETE BOOK ON UFOs reveals important new research into unexplained phenomena. It explores the events and major cases that formed the turning points in UFO history, from the arrival of the Air-Ships in the 1880s to the abductions and sightings of the 1980s, and early 1990s. The evidence presented is extraordinary and convincing. Air Force jets regularly chase UFOs, radar frequently records them, they are captured on film and in photographs, and are Investigated by Governments. Ordinary men, women and children, from all walks of life, continue

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to suffer 'missing time' and their memories of abduction by aliens are not easily dismissed by the psychologists who examine their cases.

Reviewed by Piatkus Press.

TITLE: UFO THE COMPLETE SIGHTINGS CATALOGUE.

AUTHOR: PETER BROOKESMITH. **PUBLISHER:** BLANDFORD PRESS.

PRICE: (UK) £14.99.

This well presented hardback is ideal reading for both novices and die hard UFO enthusiasts alike. The book is generally directed towards the more novice side of the phenomenon, but interesting reading can be found for any level of interest. The book covers a great deal of different topics within its 176 pages, ranging from historical UFOlogy to the present day abductions and animal mutilations. The book begins with a look at ancient folklore (Dragons, Fairies etc) and its possible relationship with UFOlogy as we know it today. All the events run in chronological order dating from the first sighting in Egypt in the reign of Thutmose III to mid 1993. Each event is laid out with a title, the type of sighting, the place and the date. The author then goes on to give a brief account of the background and events related to the incident, then concludes each entry with an assessment of the evidence.

Each aspect of the UFO phenomenon is only covered briefly, but the overall outlay of the book gives an interesting insight into these unknown anomalies. Possibly after reading this book it might spark off an interest that the reader never knew they had. The appendices of the book contains a lot of useful information for the novice enthusiast which includes maps of sightings from different times and locations.

The book contains a lot of photographs and pictures depicting the sightings. I was rather disappointed to see that the majority of the photographs were fakes, making the job of convincing the reader that these events actually happened and are not just fiction. The book covers most of the landmarks in UFOlogy including Kenneth Arnold's sighting, the Hill case, the infamous Roswell crash, etc. The book is an ideal starting point for the novice, and as a great reference volume for the buffs.

Reviewed by Mark Brownlie.

TITLE: DOOMSDAY 1999 AD.

AUTHOR: CHARLES BERLITZ. **PUBLISHER:** SOUVENIR PRESS.

PRICE: (pbk) £6.99.

Charles Berlitz, best selling author of the world famous The Bermuda Triangle, believes our future is in our own hands. We are almost at the point of no return, at the end of the millennium, in four year's time, the prophecies of centuries, echoed by the urgent warnings of modern scientists

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predict that the Earth will suffer a major global disaster. Civilisation as we know it, perhaps all forms of life, will cease to exist. Can we avert this catastrophe, when the signs that were foretold are already all around us? Drawing on the evidence of astronomy, science, archaeology, environmental studies, religion and folklore, Berlitz shows that not only the same fearful message has been proclaimed throughout history and through all cultures, but that the Earth has been subjected to a previous holocaust of similar magnitude, and has survived. If we act now we may still be in time to save our world. The Ark of the future may carry us to safety beyond the Earth, or we may seek to create it here. The choice is ours, and the solutions are given to us in this momentous book.

Reviewed by Souvenir Books.

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'THE SCIENCE OF ETERNITY'

70% of the world's religions believe in Re-incarnation. Michael Roll as a 16 year old, started reading all the books he could find on Life After Death, and found that much to his annoyance as he continued his study through his life, that several books relating to Survival after death, were being suppressed, and therefore decided to set his life into making the public aware that there is no death, that we all live again. Michael was fortunate to meet up with scientist Ron Pearson, who had himself been studying aspects relating to Life After Death. Ron believes that every aspect of the paranormal, can be explained by physics, but that sadly there are a great number of scientists who are not wishing to get involved with this type of work for fear of ridicule by their peers.



MICHAEL ROLL.

Ron claims that he has the physics and mathematics to "prove" Life After Death and goes on in this video to explain this fact, (although at times he lost me!) Interviewer Alan Pemberton does a wonderful job of asking the correct questions and does not lead us into realms of stupidity. We are then shown an interview with Tom Harrison, who claims to have witnessed over 1,500 materialisations, that is, people who have passed on, and once again returned to prove that they are very much alive. This figure was over the period of 8 years. Tom has met these people, talked with them, kissed their hand, and generally engaged in conversation with people from within the spirit realms. Tom states the fact quite clearly, that it's not us that necessarily always wish to speak to our deceased loved ones, it's "them" who wish to talk to us and show us that they are still very much alive.

Tom Harrison speaks with such conviction about his encounters with spirit, that I fail to see how anyone could not be moved by his recollections. He presents a great case for survival. Next to be interviewed is Gwen Byrne, who informs us that she lost her son Russell to spirit back in 1963 due to cancer, he was only a young lad. On the 14th of August 1982, Alf Byrne her husband, received a telephone call from a newspaper reporter, who informed him that his son had communicated through a seance held at Stansted Hall. The following Saturday both Alf and Gwen travelled up

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to Stansted Hall the following Saturday and took part in a circle. During the course of the evening, a floating trumpet came towards them both, and they both heard the unmistakable voice of their son Russell. Later, at further sessions, they heard Russell through independent voice, that is the sound of his voice in the air, rather than through the trumpet. Gwen talks about seeing flashes of 'psychic energy', she describes it like lightning only without the noise, then they both saw 'real' forms build up, it was wonderful she said. They even received an apport of a pink panther toy ! On another occasion, they heard the beautiful voice of an opera singer who then materialised and danced throughout the room.

On their last visit in 1989, Russell again came forward and said that this would be his last visit, (he had grown up in spirit). He said that he had work to do himself into proving to mankind of the reality of survival. As far as Gwen is concerned, here relationship with Russell is still ongoing, just like as if he was in another country, (which in a sense he is ! Gwen's husband Alf then spoke about how the knowledge of Life After Death brings him a lot of peace of mind, but he explains that you have to use this knowledge of Life After Death to better your life, for at the end of the day, this is your main life now, there will be plenty time to think about spirit when we get there !

Finishing this sequence of interviews, was David Icke, who has for over the past five years, received a combination of bad and mixed press, and this reviewer never really knew how to take him, but I'll tell you what, after listening to his explanations of Life After Death and when he spoke about frequencies, ie, If we tune into Radio 1 in which we have brought that signal and station forward, that doesn't mean to say that there are no other Radio Stations out there, of course there is. Through the medium of a wireless we can tune into them, just like a psychic medium can tune into spirit and bring back our loved ones. It's all to do with different vibrational frequencies. Heaven isn't 30,000ft up in the air, it's all around us, vibrating at different frequencies of which we'll pass into when we ourselves eventually pass over.

David went on to discuss Near Death Experiences and their impact on those people who have experienced them, which, he explains, is becoming more and more frequent with the new resuscitation methods. I suppose that if you are an out and out sceptic on Life After Death, then this video will not change your view, but I would like to think that for those people who have open minds on the subject, this video will make them sit up and think more seriously about the subject of Life After Death. A closed mind does not learn anything, but an open and inquisitive mind, is beneficial to advancing mankind's knowledge. I suggest that you purchase this video and I'll tell you what, it will be one of the best decisions of your life.

Reviewed by Malcolm Robinson.

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TITLE: THE PLEIADES LEGACY.

The theory that the Earth was visited by intelligent beings thousands of years ago when man was dragging his knuckles along the ground in ape fashion, is one that grows more and more acceptable to me the more I read and learn. But the one thing that would stop me wanting to read and learn is videos produced as badly as this one. I have never been so bored

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watching a video on the subject before. The producers try to be clever by using what I suppose is an attempt to look like some kind of multi media extravaganza, but it is all a mess. The screen image lay out amounts to a bright yellow grid on a blue background. On top of this, there are two pictures, (Hold on to your seats folks, but one picture at the top corner and one at the opposite bottom. Clever stuff eh !) then along the bottom of the screen comes moving text. Now on top of all this, there is the most boring narrative, and the most somnambulistic voice you are likely to hear outside an Open University TV Show. But that's if you remember to listen. You have a multitude of things to worry about before you listen to the voice. Just imagine. You are looking at the picture images come and go. Along the bottom comes the text, and then that voice, What's wrong with that you might ask ? Well...nothing corresponds. The pictures text and voice, are all giving you totally different and unconnected facts about the theory. How on earth do they expect a person to sit and take this all in ?

I know what they are trying to say. Yes the ancient tribes could have been visited many thousands of years ago. Yes there are many wall paintings, traditional ceremonies and unexplained beliefs which would make the most sceptical of believers sit up and take note, but not like this. Perhaps they wanted to present all the evidence in the one video, I do not know, but if you are interested in the theory of Earth being visited many years ago, then I suppose the video is worth a look, but do not expect to take in all the information at one sitting. Sit down the first time and read the text, sit down the second time and look at the pictures, and the third time listen to the voice. This is only my personal view, of that which I have been asked to review. The only way of knowing if I talk the truth is to see it yourself, so good viewing.

Reviewed by Billy Devlin. [Cor blimey, that's a bit strong Bill, I actually quite liked this video, it's certainly different ! Editor]

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DEAR EDITOR.

I just want to say thank you for a great review of ALIEN ENERGY in ENIGMAS No 39. It was gratifying to read it, especially after it had been severely criticised by certain individuals in the crop circles subject. It seems that people don't really want answers in this business. Either you believe in nuts and bolts flying saucers, and Area 51 and Hanger 18, or you are a cynical sceptic who believes nothing, no matter how soberly it is written. Anything else is generally caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, which is probably why no publisher has as yet taken up ALIEN ENERGY. All the research copies went in just two weeks.

I was intrigued to read about the saga concerning Bob Taylor's trousers from that enigmatic case back in 1979. As you say, I was there with Martin Keatman covering the case for UFOIN and Flying Saucer Review, having been called upon by Jenny Randles to act as some sort of trouble shooting team. I recall being directed towards the local police laboratories to examine the said trousers for the case report.

Like you, I have no problem accepting Bob Taylor's word on his alleged encounter, although my mind still wonders whether he interacted with a phenomenon slightly less tangible than I had perhaps imagined at the time. Martin and I actually dug out one complete horse-shoe marked piece of turf from the ground where the

object had appeared, and kept this in the strange phenomena/parasearch headquarters until it eventually crumbled to pieces. The only point that ever worried me slightly about the case, was the similarity between the alleged physical traces and the imprints left in the soft grass by cloven animal hooves! Just a thought. Best wishes with the magazine.

ANDREW COLLINS, LEIGH-ON-SEA, ENGLAND.

DEAR EDITOR.

I was interested to read your article in the WEEKLY NEWS. I live in a village north of Dunfermline, from my sitting room window I look south. Some time ago, and for quite a few times, I saw a ball of fire in the sky which was travelling at great speed, it looked as if it was dripping fire. Other times I've seen white lights in the sky of quite a fair size.

One night I remember, I got a lift home from the Church, I asked the driver of the car into my house for a cup of tea. I was sitting facing the window when this ball of fire came into the sky. I said to the man to look out of the window, and he said if he had not seen that himself he would not have believed me. Some nights I just sit and wait, and watch to see if the lights and balls of fire come again. Perhaps there is something waiting to make contact.

I have always sat and wondered about

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these happenings. I've been a Spiritualist medium for 25 years and I feel there could be something out there somewhere.

MRS C. HUTCHISON, TOWNHILL, SCOTLAND.

DEAR EDITOR.

I am writing to tell you of an experience when I was a young girl, (I am now 50) and it happened when I was about 15 years old, we used to go around in a gang in those days and there was about 7 or 8 of us mixed boys and girls. I then used to live in the Southcote area of Reading with the Holybrook River, West Reading Railway lines, and allotments belonging to the local council was directly behind our house, as you can imagine, it was a dream playground for kids.

On this particular night we all wondered down to the river to have a game of chase. We all noticed at the same time these two round lights, one a hazy green/yellow, the other a hazy red/orange hovering over the trees at the opposite side of the railway line. We watched (and hid incidentally), they moved rapidly from across the sky covering a distance at some considerable speed. When they got nearer and nearer to us, we could stand the fright no longer and we all ran, but one of our friends fell over screaming at the top of his voice for them not to get him. As you can imagine, we were all scared to death.

This thing hovered about 12 to 14 feet above him, we were all too frightened to do anything, but eventually two of us ran to help him, screaming at the top of our voices to make the lights go away. We managed to get hold of him and pull him up to his feet and we all ran off, but only to where the others were hiding in a ditch, but the lights did not go away immediately, but

appeared to be looking for us, you could clearly see that the lights were searching. Again we were all so frightened that we just lay there in the ditch for some 10 to 15 minutes daring not to breathe. Eventually they went off, upwards in a dead straight line up into the sky above us.

We have never once discussed this with either our parents at the time, and never talked about it between ourselves, but we all know what had happened to us. Of course we have all grown up and moved on, myself going to Australia with my family, but on returning home, I have since told my children of this and one or two other people who have had similar experiences.

MRS G. CASTON, READING, ENGLAND.

DEAR EDITOR.

I was not at all surprised at the thousands of people seeing strange things in the heavens as reported in your article in the WEEKLY NEWS. It tells us very plainly in the Bible that there would be signs and wonders in the heavens in the last days. If we look around us at the state of the world, we can see all the signs that Jesus spoke of that would come in the 24th chapter of Matthew.

It amazes me how much ignorance there is among the scientific world of spiritual things, they just have to read their Bible and they will get there answer there. I for one would not like to witness such a sight, but you can be sure of one thing, God will reveal himself in one way or another, as he will not tolerate the evil of our beautiful world.

A WEEKLY NEWS READER, GLASGOW.

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Witnesses tell of seeing unidentified flying objects

REPORT BY

GEORGE

NIEDZWIEDZ.

(c)

PREAMBLE. Late last year, I was contacted by a Berwickshire newspaper about a spate of UFO reports from within their district, could I comment on them ! Well not knowing anything about them, (other than what was told to me over the phone) I really couldn't. However, they took some quotes from me and used my phone number as a contact number for any further UFO witnesses to get in touch with me. Over the next few weeks, I received around a dozen phone calls from people who were all calling reporting what they had seen. One chap, a Mr George Niedzwiedz, phoned and offered his assistance with research as he lived locally and quite close to the scene of some of the UFO reports. I explained what was desired as far as researching such cases, and so I handed over to George, the Investigation of these reports. What follows, is a report submitted by George of his findings, and as we at SPI like to keep our readers informed as to what is going on in Scotland, [although to be honest, Berwick is actually just a few miles over the border in England but is still classed as being Scottish !! Don't ask, to historical for me !]. Here is George's report.

STEVEN RUTHERFORD. CASE 1, PAXTON SOUTH MAINS, NEAR ALLANTON BERWICKSHIRE.

STEVEN'S STATEMENT.

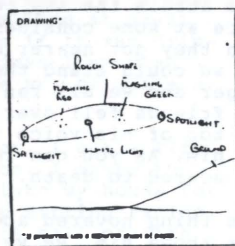
I was coming back from Duns after having been shooting and I was coming up to Allanton when I saw a light, a white light which went across towards Berwick. I went round the crossroads to come home. It was going across the fields, not very quickly, very slowly. I was doing 60 miles or so and it was doing less than that. It had one white light and two others, a green and a red one on either side flashing on and off like a conventional plane. I caught up with it just on the Allanton side of Crossrig Farm, and it stopped above the field about 50 feet up. It stopped dead, and these two big main spot lights just came on and lit up the ground underneath it.

I stopped my car, switched off the stereo and the engine, and wound down the window. I just sat there for a couple of seconds and it dropped down a few feet and came towards the car for a few seconds then the lights went off. I then lost sight of it afterwards, I do not know if it disappeared. It was 5pm and getting dark. I then pulled away to go home, when I saw it again, this time going towards Berwick at quite a considerable altitude this time. When I saw it the first time, there was a house very near it, and I was thinking about going to talk to the people to see if they had seen anything, because it was low and very near the house. (Steven did not however, talk to the occupants of the house, Editor).

GEORGE NIEDZWIEDZ'S STATEMENT.

With Information gained from Steven, I therefore arranged to meet him at the sighting area. With full permission from the owner of the field in question, we had a general look around, nothing out of the ordinary was found. Behind the field, approximately half a mile away, lies Winfield, a wartime aerodrome. According to Steven, he has seen it

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used about 4 times in 2 years. There is no RADAR sighted there. Steven feels that what he saw was not a plane or a helicopter, and even with his knowledge of aircraft, he cannot explain what it could have been. One observation that I would like to make is this, when we were at the site, Steven started to shiver, I asked him if anything was wrong, and he replied that he was fine. I believe that he was genuinely frightened. The owner of Crossrig Farm was not forthcoming, all he said was this, "You lot know what is going on" I really should have asked him what he meant by this. Steven and myself visited the site and I took some gamma radiation readings using a 6-80 Environmental Meter. The result of which only gave similar readings to the surrounding area which we call background. Steven has a friend who lives in Chirnside and claims to have seen the same object from Chirnside, but he would not be interviewed. I have contacted the M.O.D. and the following is there reply (in part).

"You asked me to undertake some research into any identifiable craft which were in the vicinity at the times you mention. I would first like to say that the Ministry of Defence is not aware of any evidence which would indicate that a breach of the United Kingdom's air defences has occurred in the locations you mention, and as a member of BUFORA, you will be aware that this is the M.O.D's sole interest and concern in relation to unexplained aerial phenomena"

Miss Kay Philpott, Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a, Room 8245, M. o. D. London.

(now ain't that a surprise, Editor).

SANDY ROSS (pseudonym) (AGE 14) SIGHTING ON RIVER TWEED 22/11/94.

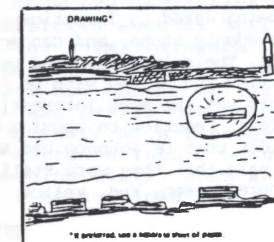
SANDY'S STATEMENT.

I was standing at the top of the Highcliffe Hill next to the bus stop waiting for the bus when I saw an object which was coming here straight on. It was black to start off with because I could see in the moonlight. It lit up bright red then went halfway across the water. It took off under the bridges very fast. It was about the size of a Ford Sierra. It was a very quiet night with no traffic passing by, I did not hear any sound coming from the object, no one else saw it, and I did not report this to the police. I never saw any exhaust or sparks coming from it. There were two dots of red, and there was a circular shadow of red light below the object on the water. It was low, and there was a wave caused by it. When I returned home I felt embarrassed to tell my mum because there was a neighbour in. I went to my bedroom because I could not understand what I had seen. My friends were with me at the time I saw this object but they did not see it. I felt funny, as if something was telling me to go and look !

(George's COMMENT). Sandy's pals were not looking in the same direction at the time.

GEORGE NIEDZWIEDZ'S STATEMENT.

I was told later, by Sandy, that at the time he saw the object, and also having the feeling of being told to go and look, he ran past his pals and did not say anything to them, but he could not understand why this occurred, as that was not the logical thing to do. He also went on to recall, that when the object came in slowly from the estuary of the Tweed, it was travelling slowly, then it stopped, hovered, and then went off at great speed up the river and "UNDER" the bridges. To date, no one else has come forward with any other sighting of this object.



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All of these statements were reported to the Ministry of Defence and the Civil Aviation authority. The M.O.D. came back with their standard letter. If there is no threat to the U.K.'s security they will not Investigate. The CAA have yet to reply. During my telephone conversations with the National Air Traffic Centre at Edinburgh Airport, I was given, on two occasions, what I can only describe as 'the run-around'. I was informed by the police at Coldstream that a sighting had been reported to them by a person out birdwatching at Longformacus on the 31st of December 1994, time being 8.30am. The police told me that they had passed this onto the ATC at Edinburgh. On contacting the ATC, they knew nothing of any report, but I was told that they do keep records of these incidents there prior to passing the reports to the MoD at west Drayton. In an attempt to get any information from the ATC that I could, I again made contact, only to be told that the ATC do not hold any files at Edinburgh, therefore I should get in contact with the CAA at Glasgow. This I did, and I am still waiting on a reply. How to get nowhere fast. This is text book stuff is it not ?

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DR D. JOHNSON (66)

MULTIPLE UFO SIGHTINGS

FROM SEAHOUSES IN

NORTHUMBERLAND. 1994.

PREAMBLE BY GEORGE NIEDZWIEDZ.

I was contacted by a Dr D. Johnson Medical Practitioner from Seahouses Northumberland with regard to his multiple UFO sightings from Seahouses. Nine reports have been received by me to date from Dr Johnson. The report of 28/11/94 was viewed for one hour and forty minutes, this was also seen by Dr Johnson's wife. This sighting was not the one which was reported to the Seahouses police station. To date, I have not been able to get in contact with the officer in question, and Dr Johnson did not get his name.

STATEMENT GIVEN BY DR D. JOHNSON, (By Recording) 24/03/95.

(Editor's Note. The following is Dr Johnson discussing with George Niedzwiedz, a series of 4 photographs that he took of two UFOs in the night sky)."The vehicle is blurred, and I am quite sure that it moves, that it rotates, and this would tend to imply that, yes the main vehicle has rotated and this one has come a bit more into view, because when you look through the magnifying glass, there are definite similarities in its construction, in its structure with the main vehicle. They both seem to have this arm which comes out, in this case, to the left as you look at it. The whole thing bears distinct similarities to a lot of the space exploration kit which is flying around up there in the sky, does it not ?

This was not the one we first saw. The one we first saw was off to the north, over your part of the world, Berwickshire, and that was the one the police officer confirmed after being asked to Investigate this bright object which moves at one hell of a pace which suddenly stops, and can move up and down sideways, backwards, and any direction it wants. The police came and quite independantly, he went up to Bamburgh Castle for a better view and agreed with Dr Johnson, that it was moving as said, and he remarked that this was the most interesting thing which had happened to him this year(This was the initial reaction to showing Dr Johnson the enlarged photos which I had made from the slides that Dr Johnson had so kindly sent me. At this point, Dr Johnson's wife came in and said that they were still seeing those silver things which don't move, and can be coloured green, red, yellow, and orange.

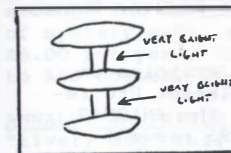
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Getting back to the photos. Dr Johnson said that he was fascinated by these and said that he took them through his Velux window, but was adamant that there were two objects in the sky at the time, and had previously attempted to take photos through his 60 times spotting telescope unsuccessfully. This object has moved off somewhere else over the last five weeks. Disappearing to the west. Always appearing from the south. It was there before any stars were up. I then asked what type of film he had used and what type of camera. The film was Agfa Ct 200 and a Pentax zoom lens on main zoom open to the count of 3. The camera was a Pentax 105 R zoom on full extent of the lens which is 105mm. The pictures were take at approximately 11:15pm on the 28th of November 1994. (Editor's Note. SPI have these pictures in our possession but sadly they do not re-produce so well as to be featured here).

HENRY GRAY (36) DUNS/CHIRNSIDE ROAD A6105, 1983.

STATEMENT BY HENRY GRAY.

I was travelling along the Duns/Chirnside road, when I became aware of a bright light in the sky about two miles ahead of me. As I approached Craigwalls Farm, I could see an object about 500ft above Dexters Papermill. I stopped the car and became really excited because straight above me was this strange object.



A three storey high object. Each object was grey in colour and dome shaped with very bright lights shining between each dome. I observed it for 30 minutes then it suddenly vanished. Two other people, (names on file) also witnessed this object. They said that they noted some unusual effects that this was having on the animals nearby. One of these witnesses also heard a high pitched sound at the time of his sighting.

EDITOR'S NOTE. This then is part of a large report submitted to SPI by George Niedzwiedz some of which has been edited. George is continuing his UFO research in this area, and I'm sure that this won't be the last that we'll be hearing from George in regards to the spate of UFO reports from Berwickshire.

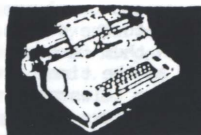
MAGAZINE REVIEW.

DEAD OF NIGHT No 4, FEBRUARY 1995 (A4). This mag, under the Editorship of Lee Walker, keeps getting better and better. I know its only there 4th issue, but this one's the best yet. Cracking articles such as Strange Phenomena Of The 20th Century, Strange Tales From The Animal Kingdom. Black Dogs, Dark Visions, Chasing The Unknown, etc. But for me, the best article of the lot, and one in which highlights just how good a writer Lee Walker is, is his own article entitled, Ghosts And Devils Over Merseyside, in which he informs the reader of his early years as a teenage ghostbuster of the New Ferry Ghost Club and there entrance into a haunted house in Woodhead Road in his local home town. Smashing stuff. Subs are, (UK) £1:50 single issue, payable to Lee Walker, 156 Bolton Road East, New Ferry, Wirral, Merseyside, England, L62 4R7.

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BILL KNELL's UFO NEWSLETTER, No 28, (A4). Bill Knell is an outspoken American UFOlogist who can be most controversial at times !! This issue see's articles on a Canadian UFO crash at Prince Edward Island in August 1990, The Fund for CIA research, Dr Maccabee, Bill Moore and MJ-12. Bill's Newsletter is published 12-15 times a year and costs, \$30.00 for one year. (This includes a free video-cassette. Write to, Bill Knell, 164-22 77th Road, Flushing, New York 11365. United States of America.

WORLD UFO JOURNAL No 8 (A4). Another fine read from Editor Edward Harris. This issue see's items on, "Aliens kidnapped me on a space-ship" (The David Thomas encounter), UFO newscuttings from around the U.K. An article on UFOs by singer songwriter guru, Steve, [I'd like to be abducted] Andrews. and much much more. Write to Edward Harris, 16 Newton Green, Greater Dunmow Essex, England, CM6 1DU.

SKYLINK (LONDON UFO STUDIES) No 10. (A4). This issue see's articles on Rendlesham Forest, Are we hybrids ourselves (Mmm) and the latest UFO reports which SKYLINK have received. I wish they would update the ENIGMAS review however, they are still talking about our Aug-Sep 1993 issue ! SKYLINK is a fine mag and comes recommended. Subs are: (UK) £6.00 for four issues, £1.50 single issue. (USA) \$15.00 for four issues. Write to, Roy Lake, 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex, England, IG11 9RX.

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS NEWSLETTER MARCH 1995. (A4). This is a three page newsletter which discusses the Dracula ghost experience, a review of paranormal publications, Andrew Rainer's UFO cases, and a few things more. Editor is Jon D. Inman. The newsletter is free ! Write to Jon Inman at, Garden Flat, 32 Valley Road, Scarborough, England, YO11 2LU.

GHOST TRACKERS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1995. (A4). One of my favourite American ghost magazines Edited by Dale Kaczmarek. This issue has articles on "Ghosts of the old mill tunnel", a haunted boat that lurks in Ventura Harbour, "The haunting of St Mary's Episcopal Church", and my article on SPI's ghost research at a haunted house in Stirling. Subs are: (USA) \$12.00. (Overseas) \$20.00. Write to Dale Kaczmarek, P.O. Box 205, Oak Lawn IL, 60454-0205, United States of America.

GHOSTWATCH No 7. (A5). This is only Ghostwatch's second issue, and for me is an excellent read, full of scary ghostly stories and tales of the supernatural. The word processor and scanner, is put to good effect in this mag. 28 pages in length and Edited by Mike McKeown. Recommended. I couldn't see a subscription price, but write to Mike at, Eclipse Publications, P.O. Box 54, Birkenhead, Wirral, England, L43 7FD.

CONTACT FORUM, JAN/FEB 1995. (A4). This newsletter (12 pages) is a vehicle for the open exchange of ideas and information for UFO witnesses and

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abductees and contactees relating their stories of their encounters. Subscriptions are, (USA) 18.50 for 6 issues, (overseas) \$26.75. Cheque or money order made payable to, Wild Flower Press, P.O. Box 726, Newberg, OR, 97132, United States of America.

FORTEAN TIMES No 79 (A4). One of Britain's top fortean mags. This issue see's articles on, "The stone throwing spook of little dixie". The great Sphinx controversy". "Spontaneous human combustion", and bags of strange and unusual occurrences. Subscriptions are, (UK) £12.00 per year, £2.00 single issue. (EC) £15.00. (USA) \$30.00. (rest of the world), £18.00. Cheques made payable to, John Brown Publishing, Freepost (SW6096), Frome, Somerset, England, BA11 1YA, (you won't require a stamp if posting from the United Kingdom. F.T. is also available price £2.00, at most newsagents.

NESSLETTER 120 (A4). Good old Rip Hepple with yet another newsletter or Nessletter as he prefers to call them about Scotland's own Loch Ness Monster, In this issue we learn of more recent sightings and members visits to the loch. Subscriptions are: (UK) £2.75 per year, (USA) \$10.00 per year. Cheques/P.O.'s/Money order to, Rip Hepple, 7 Huntshieldford, St John's Chapel, Bishop Auckland, Co-Durham, England, DL13 1RQ.

ANIMALS AND MEN No 4 (A5). If your into Cryptonzoology, (The study of strange and exotic beasts), then this is the magazine for you. It's full of mystery cats, super daddy long legs (!) and much more. Subs are, (UK) £6.00 per year, £1.50 single issue. (USA) \$9.00 per year. Cheques payable to A&J Downes, 15 Holne Court, Exwick, Exeter, Devonshire, England,

ANNALS, JAN/MARCH 1995. (A5). Editor Gerry Lovell has produced another "lively mag" full of interesting tales of the weird and supernatural. Recommended. Subs are, (UK) £6.00 for four issues, £1.50 per single issue. Write to, Gerry Lovell, 8 St John Street, Wells, Somerset, England, U.K.

UFO TIMES No 23, (A4). The magazine of BUFORA, (The British UFO Research Association). This issue has items on, "An audience with Colonel Halt" "The Musberry Incident", and the usual news and reviews. My reply letter to fellow Scottish researcher Stuart Campbell is published under the heading, 'Kilt versus Kilt' (I liked that). But for me, the Editorial wit of Ken Philips makes this mag. Yes Ken, don't let the buggers get you down (!) For more information, write to, B.M. BUFORA, London, WC1N 3XX.

THE PSI REPORT FEBRUARY 1995, (A5). This is the publication of the Scottish Society for Psychical Research and is Edited by Daphne Plowman. It contains articles, book reviews, and reports of SSPR lectures. For more information about the SSPR, write to Daphne Plowman, 131 Stirling Drive, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, Scotland, G64 3AX.

SPECTRAL No 3, (A5). From Editor John Anderson comes SPECTRAL, which like the GHOSTWATCH magazine reviewed here, is jammed full of tales of ghostly manifestations. SPI's Sauchie Poltergeist case is also featured here. This is a fine read. Subscriptions are, (UK) £1.75 single issue, £6.00 per year 4 issues. (USA) \$15.00 per year. (Europe) £10.00 per year. Dollar bills only for American subscriptions. Cheques payable to John Anderson, SPECTRAL, P.O. Box 18, Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, Wales, U.K. CF44 87G.

3rd STONE SPRING 1995 (A4). From the Gloucestershire Earth Mystery Society comes 3rd Stone, a very professional looking mag, which this time around looks at the Turin Shroud, "Proof positive and negative" ! Standing stones

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Pixilated (being led astray by the little people !) and Cotswold's Holy Wells. A fine read. Subs are, (UK) £6.00 for 3 issues. Sample issue £2.50. Cheques or postal orders made payable to GEM, send to 3rd STONE, P.O. Box 258 Cheltenham, England, GL53 0HR.

THE SKEPTIC Vol 8 No 6 (A4). Awash with sceptical views, news, and reviews on alternative medicine, the Indian rope trick, acupuncture, and much more. Subscriptions are, (UK) £1.88 single issue, £12.00 per year. (Rest of the World) £15.50. Cheques payable to, THE SKEPTIC, Dept B. P.O. Box 475, Manchester, England, M60 2TH.

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP NEWSLETTER, FEB 1995, (A4). This issue has the usual mix of press reports, T.V. reports on UFOs and the paranormal and much more. An interesting read. Subscription is (UK) £5.00 per year. Write to Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Road, Woolston, Southampton, Hampshire, England, SO19 9EE.

PROMISES & DISAPPOINTMENTS No 2 (A5). A smashing and informative read on abductions, memory, news from the spirit world, Devonshire pixies, and much much more. Editor Kevin McClure in his review on ENIGMAS, is not clear about our psychic Helen Walters involvement in SPI's A70 Tarbrax Incident, (It's a pity he didn't phone me first where I would have explained the situation), Nevertheless, P & D is a great wee mag. Subscription is, (UK) £2.00 single issue, £7.50 4 issues. (USA)\$5.00 single issue, £18.00 4 issues. Cheques made payable to Kevin McClure, 42 Victoria Road, Mount Charles, St Austell, Cornwall, England, PL25 4QD.

THE STEADY SIGNAL, FEBRUARY 1995 (A4). More cases from the files of Albert Budden on his theory that Electromagnetic pollution, which is abound in the U.K. causes people to see flying saucers and spacemen. Confused ? Then clear up your confusion by writing to Albert Budden, 17 Brook Road, South Brentford, Middlesex, England, TW8 ONN.

THE UFO DEBATE SPRING 1995 (A5). After a lengthy absence of around two years, the English publication, THE UFO DEBATE, Edited by David Barclay, is with us again. Good to see you back. THE UFO DEBATE has not lost any of it's style and punch, and this issue has a great interview with psychic questing hero, Andrew Collins. And with articles like, "Is Bigfoot a space alien ? Abduction cases, and Roswell. Subscriptions are, (UK) £1.95 single issue. £7.00 per 4 issues. Overseas rates dealt with on application. Cheques made payable to, T.M. Barclay, 46 Prospect Walk, Shipley, West Yorkshire, England, BD18 2LR.

THE UFO REPORTER No 4 (A4). Still one of my favourite mags. Editor Nigel Mortimer provides more information on BOLS, (Balls Of Light) over and around Ilkley Moor, [Yorkshire] The Woodside UFO flap [Bradford] of 1981 is also looked at, as are a host of other strange aerial luminosities. For learning about balls of light rather than "structured craft" (!) then one should really purchase this mag. Nigel is an accomplished researcher and certainly knows his stuff. Highly recommended. Used to be in A5 format it's now in the larger A4 format. Subs are, (UK) £7.00 per six issues, £1.50 single issue. Overseas rates available on application. Cheques payable to, Nigel Mortimer, 5 Stocks Hill, Menston, Nr Ilkley, West Yorkshire, England, LS29 6ND.

THE NOAH'S ARK SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MARCH 1995 (A5). I'll keep saying it. If your into psychic matters, Spiritualism etc, then you really can't do

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much better than getting your hands on this mag. It's full os stories of materialisations of people who have survived the grave, (as we all do), and came back to meet again, their loved ones. Brilliant and informative. This month's newsletter has a special purpose and role to play in letting us know, 'What Happens After Death' ? To say I recommend this highly, is an understatement. Subscriptions are, (UK) 85 pence single issue. £15.00 per year. (Rest of the world) £21.00 per year. Write to Mr Alf Winchester, The Noah's Ark Society, "Treetops", Hall Road, Cromer, Norfolk, England, NR27 9JG. Telephone, 01263 513067 for any further information.

UFO MAGAZINE MARCH/APRIL 1995, (A4). Probably Britain's most popular UFO magazine owing to the fact that you can now obtain it at most newsagents. This issue has items on the Socorro saucer, Area 51, (Dreamland), Billy Buchanan and Bonnybridge, and much much more. Some of the items are old hat, but nonetheless, UFO MAGAZINE leads the way. Subscriptions are, (UK) £12.00. (USA) \$46.00. (Europe) £18.00. Cheques payable to Quest Publications International Ltd, send to, UFO MAGAZINE, subscription Dept, P.O. Box 2, Grassington, Skipton, North Yorkshire, England, BO23 5UY. Or obtain a copy from any leading newsagent.

THE CROP WATCHER No 24, WINTER 1995. (A4). Winter 1995...Hey, we haven't even had summer yet !!. Editor Paul Fuller's tireless work shines through in this issue, and his research into trying to find crop circles before 1980, took him to the National Monuments Record Archive in Swindon. Boy what a lot of research he had to do. And what was the outcome ? I'm not telling you here (!). Also featured in this issue, is the helicopter harassment at Alton Barnes, which in itself, is worth the £1.50 cover price alone. If you are a "croppie" or not, I'd get this one. Subs are, (UK) £1.50 single issue. £6.00 per year. (Overseas) £10.00. Cheques made payable to Paul Fuller, 3 Selbourne Court, Tavistock Close, Romsey, Hampshire, England, SO51 7TY. Also available from Paul is the book, "Crop Circles, A Mystery Solved", by Jenny Randles and Paul Fuller, Robert Hale Ltd, (2nd Edition), price £6.99.

NOTHERN UFO NEWS 169, WINTER 1995, (A5). Does the Crop Watcher and the Nothern UFO News have a time machine !! (Winter 1995 !). No. Jenny has been so busy with talking at lectures, writing books, T.V. and radio spots, moving house, that it's a wonder she has any time left at all to write her own wee mag, but she does, and this issue see's 20 years of the Nothern UFO Network, (of which SPI are a part). This issue contains quite a few British UFO cases and all the usual news and reviews. Recommended. Subs are, (UK) £6.00 for six. Cheques to Jenny Randles, 11 Pike Court, Fleetwood, Lancashire, England, FY7 8QF.

RATTLERS TALE No 22, (A5). R.T. is basically a magazine of fictional stories, some of which deal with the unexplained. This is an entertaining mag, with some clever writers providing some really good stories. Subscription is, (UK) £6.00 for four issues, or £2.00 per single issue. Cheques payable to Anthony North, at Anthony North Enterprises, 2A Coronation Road, Walsall Wood, West Midlands, England, WS9 9NG.

DELVE No 10, (A4). From Canada comes DELVE under the Editorship of Gene Duplantier. This magazine is full of weird and wonderful tales. Strange falls from the sky, and much more. This is basically an exchange publication, but I'm sure that if you write to Editor Gene Duplantier at 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 1X5, he'll arrange for you to have a copy.

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LARBERT U.F.O. SHOT DOWN U.F.O. REALLY A PLANE !

Readers may recall from our February-March issue of ENIGMAS of the Rogers family from Larbert in Stirlingshire, who took a camcorder film of a UFO. This was re-constructed and shown on the popular T.V. show, STRANGE BUT TRUE ? last year. The family maintain that what they saw was certainly not an aircraft or helicopter as they are quite used to seeing these in there area, (no noise was heard). Anyway, as with all alleged UFO videos or photographs that come to SPI, we send them away to be checked over by professional analysts, and we have had two Independent tests conducted on the said video. Dr T.J. Moir, and Mr C. Smith of the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Department of the University of Paisley Scotland, tested the film and this is what they had to say.

"We were asked by Malcolm Robinson to analyse a video of an alleged UFO near Falkirk. The video shows a light in the sky which is zoomed by the photographer to reveal what at first sight appears to be a cylindrical shaped object. The equipment used at Paisley is a sun sparc workstation LX running Solaris 2 operating system. Three still images were captured using Vision Tool software and hardware. We have provisionally used the XV package to analyse the images. Preliminary Investigations are unable to resolve much detail of the images other than a blur.

Preliminary Conclusions: The object is an aircraft (probably a private one). As the witness zooms the video camera into the object, he loses focus. This gives the appearance of a cylinder, but is really the two wing lights out of focus. To confirm this, a tail light can just be seen as the object passes out of view."

Dr T.J. Moir & Mr C. Smith.

SPI also sent a copy of the video over to America to Jeff Sainio, the MUFON [Mutual UFO Network] Staff Analyst, this is what he had to say.

" Two points of nocturnal light fly smoothly over a chimney. Misfocus causes the points to look larger than they are. I could find no indication of anything other than ordinary aircraft lighting".

Jeff Sainio.

Disappointed with his short reply, I again in a further letter, asked Jeff to clarify more clearly his opinion on the film, and in a letter received recently Jeff had this to say.

"In response to your query of the reasoning behind my conclusions that the Rogers video was consistent with an airplane.....The lack of data left little to work with. A white nocturnal light is seen moving steadily. Zoom shows a triangular configuration consistent with a main body light and two wing landing lights. When the image is misfocussed, allowing a large enough area to

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discern colour, landing light white is seen. The motion, colour and configuration, the only apparent characteristics, appear conventional. I simply cannot think of any testing which would be useful".

Jeff Sainio.

So, has another UFO video been explained ? Is the Larbert video truly an aircraft ? Even with the testimony of the six witnesses involved, witnesses "can" be mistaken. And remember too the letter I received from Mr W. Gray, ATC Watch Manager at Glasgow Airport, he said, and I quote.

"Runway 23 was in use at Glasgow Airport on the 19th of January and at approximately the time you mention, an inbound airliner from Aberdeen 'could' have passed over the area in question".

W. Gray, ATC Manager Glasgow Airport.

Surely an inbound airliner (if this indeed was the case) would have been heard at this short distance. Remember to that SPI sent a copy of this video to the British Ministry of Defence of which they returned the tape (after a very lengthy period of time) saying that they could not comment on what the object was, but it was probably a plane. So there it is, SPI will not be using this piece of film as illustrative of what is going on in the skies of Central Scotland. It will be filed and probably gather dust (!).

In closing this article I'll say that the family in question have witnessed a few more UFOs near their family home. They tend now to go out and look for them whereas before they didn't. I've told them to keep taking their camcorder, and who knows, maybe, just maybe, they might catch something on film which truly is impressive and will not be so easy to dismiss. We'll keep you posted.

Report by Malcolm Robinson.



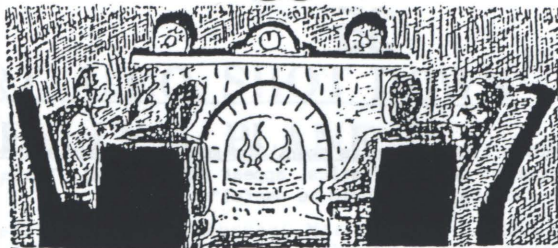
SPI STATEMENT TO MEMBERS.

Due to recent events, SPI have dropped their intention of setting up a new committee to assist the running of the club. This has proved, over the past few months, quite a task to set up, with many differences of opinions from various members. SPI will now solely be run by Malcolm Robinson and Billy Devlin. Any voluntary assistance offered from our membership will gladly be accepted. Training for UFO researchers will still be given, and SPI meetings will still go ahead. SPI has a great many psychic mediums available who are willing to assist us in our paranormal investigations.

The SPI objectives remain the same. We have come through a transition, and we are now clear in our head of the direction in which we are going. This statement is to make clear to the membership, that SPI is definitely on course, and is continuing its aims of seeking answers to the UFO and paranormal questions. Thank you for your support. M. Robinson & B. Devlin.

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Fireside Tales (but true).!



TERRIFIED BY UFO.

I would like to tell you of an experience that happened to my nephew and myself, on doing so I would hope that it helps to vent some of the fear that I still have. On the night in question, my husband and youngest son were working away in Norwich. We live in a big house that backs on to open farm land by the Thames. Because I would be alone in the house, my nephew Shane, who was at that time 13, stayed with me and slept in my room on a camp bed, the only other thing in my room was my dog. If my memory is correct, it was the 15th of October 1992.

I am afraid of the dark so I always have a bedside lamp on all night. If the light goes out I wake up instantly. In the early hours I was woken by the light fading, as if it was being turned down on a dimmer switch. I have never seen anything like it before, it went down to just a glimmer. I do keep a candle and matches beside my bed but I could not see to find the matches. I woke Shane and it was very light outside, so I said I would undraw the curtains, and upon doing so, I saw a UFO about 100 yards away, about 50 feet above the ground. It was hovering by the power cables that went through the field. It was "massive", with a row of lights around it.

I said to Shane, "Jesus, its a space ship". He jumped out of bed to look. We shut the curtains and sat on the floor beneath the window. Neither of us could believe it. We then had another look through the gap in the

curtain, it was still there. I began to panic and shake, I was terrified. Shane was brilliant and kept telling me not to worry, they don't hurt people. We decided we would have to watch it in case it moved, so we knelt under the window and peered through the gap. It was 01:30am. On looking to the left over to Kennington, we noticed nine lights moving about, they looked like they were over Oxford City, they were moving very fast. The UFO outside did not move at all about this time, it seemed like we were watching for hours.

The UFO started to move about 03:30am, it was getting closer to the house. I was so scared that I thought I was going to have a heart attack. I started praying frantically. Shane by this time was getting scared as well. We decided we would call the police and tell them there was a man walking round our house. If I had told them the truth they would have laughed. We thought that they could not miss seeing it. It was so big, and the lights off it lit up the whole field.

About five minutes after I rang, it started to go up, it stayed in the same spot but went up, and the light dimmed to a glimmer. We could not believe it. The police came and looked around the house, they could not see it! We should have told them but we were too scared. They said that they would keep an eye out for intruders and left within five minutes. The UFO came back and it was lit up, it came a bit closer. If it had kept going it would be directly over the bedroom. We decided that there was nothing we could do, if we tried to make a run for

REINCARNATION IS A FACT OF LIFE FOR ME !

I am 46 and a Christian. Until November 1991, I took the view that belief in reincarnation was an error, mainly because of a fundamentalist understanding. But I had an experience that month which has changed me completely.

Some time before an American friend who had been trying to get me to accept the occult as a good thing and not evil, sent me a book on the paranormal which I sat up in bed reading one night. I came to a passage where a woman discovered that her great grandmother, (a Shoshone Indian), was herself in a previous life. As I was reading it, suddenly without warning, a voice imprinted itself on my brain, saying, "This is also true of you David, you were your own Great Grandfather". This was a psychic shock to me and was shattering.

I could not dismiss this message because I could not deny the reality of the experience. I was wide awake but stunned and couldn't read anymore that night. Suddenly, things were falling into place in my mind, giving answers to deep questions that I had had for years. Whatever resistance I had to reincarnation, had mysteriously evaporated without the benefit of testing or proof.

To omit a lot of detail, one or two details were especially important. My G/G/Grandfather William Beckham Strickland who lived between 1823-80, was killed on the line at Ulceby railway station where he was stationmaster, by a wagon which was being shunted. And my parents had remarked to me about their one abiding memory of me as an infant, not yet 6 months old. They were stood in Lincoln train station with me, and when a train came in, I was absolutely mesmerised in an out of the ordinary way. I attached enormous significance to this episode (which I could not personally recall), because all my life since my earliest memories at one year old, I have been irresistibly entranced by steam engines and railways, and their effect on me is more than an obsession, it is a mystical experience. It wasn't so much my efforts at rationalising the comparison between

it the car would probably not go. It did not move any more. We watched it until 07:00am. At 06:00am, I rang my sister and told her, she said I sounded terrified. After 07:00am it started to go, it went more or less straight up. At 07:30am it was getting light and we could still see it in the sky. I cannot believe that nobody else saw it. We were both so scared that we could not talk to anybody about it. Shane would not stay at my house after that, even though he used to stay every weekend. I bought really thick curtains for my bedroom, so if there is a light out there anymore, I will not see it.

When the UFO went, the light in my bedroom came back on. Everyone in the village was talking about the way in which the lights went down. The college where I worked at the time had their own grid, and they had the same problem. The electricity board could not explain it. My sister was talking to a man in the village a few days later, and he said that he saw something on the other side of the village, but he thought that it was a helicopter, but he hadn't heard any sound and it did not move. This was at 05:00am when he was walking his dog.

I cannot believe what I saw, I don't want to believe it, but I do know I saw it. I know of other people who have seen things I have seen a video of a UFO over Far Moor Reservoir, they copied it and sent it to the M.O.D. the M.O.D. confiscated it, but they still have the copy. It looks like an upside down Beetle car. The funny thing is, on the night of the 15th of October, we were watching the T.V. and I glanced towards the patio doors. I thought I saw someone looking in. Someone about 4 to 5 feet tall with a pointed head. I thought it was a trick of the light and got up and drew the curtains, now I'm not so sure !

A lot of my peace of mind went that night, and things will never be the same again. My husband cannot work away again because of my fear. I have never known such fear before and I never want to again. I know it may sound funny, but I had this feeling, that if I spoke about it, they would know in some way and come back, I hope they don't !

Diane McKenna, Abingdon, Oxon, England.

William Beckham and myself, the parallels and linkages are much more than the example I have given, rather, it was an overwhelming gut feeling that "I" really "was" a re-incarnation of my forebear. In January I arranged to be hypnotically regressed by a professional lady in this field whom I picked out from the Yellow Pages. This step was a first for me. For my £38. I got an hour's worth of regression and a cassette of the session. I didn't feel confident that anything useful would emerge, largely because I was convinced I would fail to go under hypnosis.

I need not have worried. When I came out, I had the classic symptoms of uncontrollable shaking, as my metabolism adjusted to my bodily surroundings. I had been under all right, and what came out was remarkable. I entered the regression with the specific request to be regressed to the 19th century as William Beckham. I knew he had been a butler at a country mansion before going to Ulceby, but I was more interested in the latter location.

Sure enough, I was regressed to where I had requested, but I found myself as William the butler, not stationmaster. You can say I had inherent bias which served to inject present knowledge into a suppressed regression, ie, that the regression would be false because it would be imaginary. However, the contents of my visions disturbed me from any doubt that I really had regressed.

I was stood in front of an archway leading to a square courtyard containing stables all around. I noticed the bell-cote above the arch had no bell, so I said, "bell-cote or dove-cote". Nearby were 2 or 3 people on horseback. The place was Stoke Rochford Manor, and I thought that the owner may have been called Bowers, but I wasn't sure. Anyway, apart from other interesting items, that was that. I paid the £38 and excitedly made plans to locate and visit Stoke Rochford. I had never been there or anywhere near there in my life.

The establishment is south-west of Grantham, near the A1 road. After a few days, I got in my car and drove the 100 miles to visit the place. It is now an educational establishment and various students and

others were milling around in the sunshine. I walked about and approached the mansion itself, nothing struck me as significant, until I felt a psychic jolt when I noticed the amazing profusion of chimney stacks which adorn the roof area. Psychic jolt over chimney stacks? Yes, as a child I had exercised a fetish-like obsession for singling out chimneys on buildings and counting them, the decorative ones mesmerising me. Our house had 7, and it was not easy to beat that number for a private residence. The ones at Rochford have to be seen to be believed.

I turned left down a path with a gentle slope down. I stopped in my tracks, there in front of me was the identical archway in my regression. I looked up, there was the bell-cote with no bell. I walked through, there was the square courtyard with the same dimensions. Now, where I had seen stables, open areas without any outer walls, the courtyard surroundings were walled with windows built into recesses. I had a thought, walked back out until I came to a sign which said, "To The Old Stables". Yet the courtyard showed no sign of being stables. Then I looked more closely, the walls with the windows had been 'added' to the frontages, ie, the stables had been bricked up! I had seen in vision how the present "Old Stables" had originally looked.

I was next concerned about the identity of the owner of Stoke Rochford. At the enquiry office in the main building, I was given a brochure which mentioned the name, not as Bowers, but as Turnor (with an 'O'). The dates fitted, but the name disappointed me. However, later, I discovered that my vicar at Ulceby had the name Flowers, and I was a church official under him in addition to my railway occupation.

I have a transcript of the regression session and a bunch of photographs. I am convinced I was given information from the spirit world as to one of my previous lives. I believe it deeply, because so many questions about unsolved anomalies in my present life seem answered. Basically however, I can actually feel the way William Beckham felt as he went about his life. This to me, is the "deepest evidence".

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Whilst at Ulceby, I visited William Beckham's grave and had the peculiar feeling about having already owned the body lying there. I kept saying to myself, "That was me, that was". Since then, I have similarly discovered another past life as an Indian brave of the Mesoprite tribe in the 18th century. One day I was graced with an actual vision of a beautiful maiden who was my woman. Never saw "sqaw", that word is highly offensive to Indian peoples. Again, I experienced many connections between that life and this one. To me it is highly significant that the only two places that I have ever been drawn to, are North America and Lincolnshire. There are other "coincidences" attached to these past lives, but space prevents me from mentioning them. Three years ago I was firmly against belief in re-incarnation, now I'm just as strongly in favour of belief in it.

David Strickland, Hexthorpe, Doncaster, England.

8th INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS "UFO's : EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE"



The 8th International UFO Congress organised by the British UFO Research Association will take place at the University of Hallam, Pennine Theatre, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. The Congress will take place over the weekend of August 19 & 20, 1995. The Congress will be in honor of Mr Walt Andrus, International Director of the Mutual UFO Network. Mr Andrus will conduct the opening and closing ceremonies and he will be the recipient of a special presentation on behalf of BUFORA for his services to UFOlogy. The line up of speakers at this years Congress is probably one of the most interesting for many years. As you will see below, the Congress is indeed International in every sense of the word.

SPEAKERS:

Dr Leo Sprinkle (USA), Vicente Juan Ballester Olmos (Spain), Jiles Hamilton (USA), Per Anderson (Denmark), Malcolm Robinson (Scotland), Cynthia Hind (Zimbabwe), Peter Robbins (USA), Maurizio Verga (Italy), Dr Helmut Lammer, (Austria), John Carpenter (USA).

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We sincerely hope, after many years of trying, to have at this years Congress, the first Russian scientists to lecture on the UFO subject anywhere in the U.K. Dr Sergey Chernouss is a senior research assistant at the Polar Geophysical Institute in Murmansk Russia. Dr Yulii Platov is a research scientist at the Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism Ionosphere and Radio wave propagation in Moscow Russia.

THE VENUE:

The Pennine Theatre at the University of Hallam in Sheffield is a purpose built high tech lecture theatre that is ideal for our needs. Fully air conditioned and comfortable and centrally situated in the heart of Sheffield only a short walk from both bus and rail terminals.

ROSWELL UFO CRASH FILM TO BE SHOWN AT CONGRESS.

In addition to the first class list of speakers at this years Congress, the organisers are pleased to announce the presentation by Mr Ray Santilli

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managing director of the Merlin Group. Mr Santilli, whilst researching a music video in the USA in 1993, quite literally 'stumbled' across alleged film footage of the actual UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico in 1947. Mr Santilli claims that the veteran cameraman that he contacted regarding archive film of the late Elvis Presley, was at one time employed by the U.S. military as a cameraman and that in 1947 he was flown in from Washington to Roswell to film the UFO crash. Returning to Washington, the cameraman in question kept a copy of the film which is said to be 14 canisters of 16mm black and white film. Each canister of film is approximately 7 minutes in duration and devoid of any soundtrack. Ray Santilli purchased the film in question and upon returning to the U.K. set about trying to have it authenticated and to consider the best ways in which to eventually go public with it.

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For the greater purpose of the Congress, Mr Santilli will show segments of the film and discuss in greater detail of exactly how he came in possession of it and his attempts to analyse it. Mr Santilli is due to be added to the programme to speak on Saturday 19th August. The time of his presentation is yet to be decided.

Despite numerous press reports, BUFORA is not yet in a position to be able to authenticate or dispute the claims made by Mr Santilli although two of BUFORA'S officers have viewed some of the footage. BUFORA will be offering photographic analysis by properly trained specialists to Mr Santilli in the near future in the hope that they can get to the bottom of the whole affair.

SUPPLIED BY PHILIP MANTLE.

S.P.I. CASE RESEARCH WORK.



DATE: 11th March 1995.

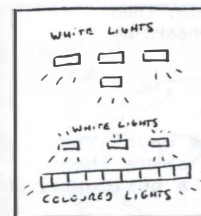
TIME: 8:50pm.

LOCATION: Falkirk, Stirlingshire, Central Scotland.

This is another interesting case from within Stirlingshire and near the location of Bonnybridge. See what you make of this, from the written statement of the witness Mary Roy.

"I was putting my grandson to bed as he was spending the weekend with me. I went to close the bedroom curtains and I noticed a brilliant light in the sky to the left of my window. Suddenly, another object appeared straight ahead. It

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seemed to have a line of coloured lights that appeared to flick forward like the lights on a xmas tree. The object to the left, [top object on drawing left] moved at great speed further left and hovered over Westerglen Transmitting Station. I could see it clearly above the red lights on the transmitter pylons. The other object, [bottom object on drawing left] which had been directly in front of my window, then moved at great speed to join the other one that was still hovering. The two objects moved forwards and hovered, then they went back towards the transmitters. Then slowly they started moving to the right, one slightly ahead of the other. Then suddenly they took off at great speed into the sky and disappeared in seconds. My Grandson and I watched them until they were gone. The Falkirk Herald persuaded me to contact you." (MARY ROY)

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

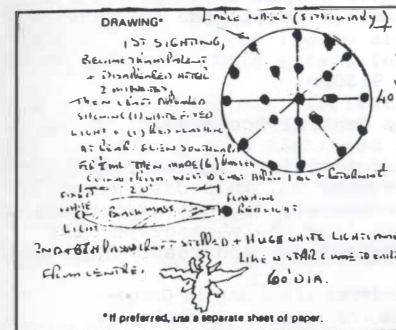
All the usual procedures on UFO research have been applied to this case. The contacting of Airports, Police, Met Stations etc. As yet nothing has surfaced to provide an answer.

DATE: 30th October 1994. TIME: 6:25pm

LOCATION: Boness, West Lothian, Scotland.

This case came to SPI via Billy Devlin and again shows just how diverse the UFO phenomenon really is. This is the written statement of witness Stan Pearce.

"On the evening of Sunday the 30th of October 1994 at 6:25pm, after seeing my wife drive off, I turned to come back indoors and looked up into the sky, and there I saw, to my amazement a beautiful sight. Positioned approximately 200ft from the ground and slightly South/West at 500 yards from where I stood, was a large circular object showing a mass of red lights. The object remained stationary for approximately two minutes, then it began to fade gradually and disappear into a strange mist, (Ah that mist again, Editor).



Although the sky was very clear, there had been some rain during the afternoon and had been overcast, but had cleared up and was now a nice evening with stars shining brightly. As the object disappeared, a smaller object seemed to appear from where the wheel had been. This moved off maintaining the same height and flew southward a half of a mile to the golf course, then eastward for approximately one mile, then returned and repeated this "SIX TIMES" at approximately 40mph.

During this time, I hurried to an upstairs window and shone a half million candle power light directly at the craft. And on its 2nd pass, it suddenly stopped almost opposite me and a sharp gritty light started from the craft then burst into a huge glare which lasted approximately one minute then it continued on its way. I stopped using my spot light and trained a high powered telescope on the craft to try and establish if it was a helicopter, and

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focussed on it but could not see any rotors, only a black mass between a red and white light. The craft stopped on its final pass and shone again, then continued Eastwards towards the Forth Bridges and out of sight. I heard no sound from either objects. (STAN PEARCE)

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

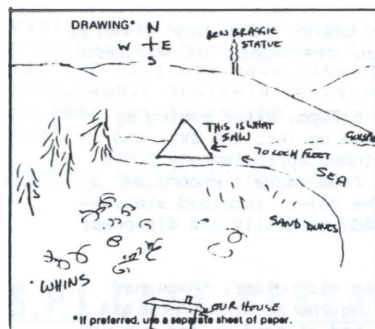
Again all the usual procedures have been applied with this case. The witness reckons that the object was approximately 200 feet above the ground, (how does he know for sure ?) Could this have been a helicopter ?

DATE: Summer 1993, (Unsure of exact month). TIME: 3:00pm

LOCATION: Dornoch Sutherland, Scotland.

Yet another triangular shaped object surfaces as the following report from witness Daphne Flowers relates.

"I cannot remember the date, but it is two years ago this summer. I saw out of our front room window, a large triangle hovering over the water, it did not make any noise. It was very bright silver, like highly polished silver. I stood watching it for about a minute, I would have liked to have taken a photograph of it but I thought that if I had have went looking for my camera it might have gone by the time I found it.



It suddenly flew off into the East 'Seaways' it flew very fast, no noise. A few days after I saw this, I overheard a man on Moray Firth Radio talking about a lot of people who had seen a UFO over the North-East of Scotland on the same day I saw it. (DAPHNE FLOWERS)

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Phone calls, letters, to all the usual agencies have proved of little use to explain this case, but that is not really surprising. SPI are keeping a close look on these triangular shaped objects as we are beginning to see a small rise in such reports.

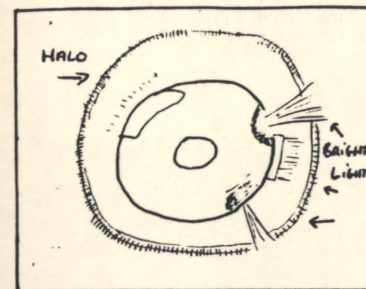
DATE: 12th November 1991. TIME: 9:30pm.

LOCATION: Polmont Reservoir. Stirlingshire, Central Scotland.

Well here we have yet another UFO case above a reservoir, (remember our Craiglusker Reservoir case with photograph last year ?). This case also has the added bonus of a photograph which unfortunately did not re-produce so well here so I've had to make a rough drawing from the photograph. The following is the written testimony of witness Peter Muir and reads thus.

"My friend and I were taking photographs of the B.P. Chemicals Plant in Grangemouth (from Polmont Reservoir), when we noticed a dim, or rather, two small dim flashing lights over by the two "flashing" pylons at Kincardine Bridge. We watched the object which we thought was a helicopter, fly slowly over from the bridge to above the brightly lit Grangemouth Stadium. We watched it hover for about five

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DRAWING BY EDITOR OF WHAT IS
DEPICTED IN PETER MUIR'S
PHOTOGRAPH. TAKEN 12/11/91.

minutes. It was then that we noticed that the "craft" wasn't making any noise. Normally if it was a helicopter, we could hear the blades. It then turned round and faced our direction. It was roughly 2000ft above the ground. Then it dipped, and increased dramatically in speed. At the point of photograph, it was about 200-300ft directly above. It was then that we heard the light "pulsing" hum of the object. My friend and I were quite shaken at the time, but afterwards had an overwhelming sense of excitement. Since then I have shown only a handful of people my photograph and have also destroyed the negative. I have no reason for destroying the negative, but now almost obviously regret my actions."

PETER MUIR.

SO WHAT'S BEING DONE WITH THIS CASE ?

Well letters have been sent to the Scottish Airports to see if they had any aircraft activity or helicopter activity in the area at the specified time. A letter to the Falkirk Police has also been sent, asking if they had any local people contact their station with similar UFO reports, again at the specified time. SPI have also written to the British Ministry of Defence in London to see what they can come up with. We have also written to the B.P. Chemical plant itself in regards to helicopters or anything at all that is "allowed", [and that is the operative word] to fly over their highly explosive complex.

Now the actual photograph itself, came into SPI's possession when a friend of the photographer passed it on to me at a SPI meeting held in Stirling. The camera that took the shot, was a Halina 35mm, using Kodak 24 exposure on Gold Film. What you see in the drawing above, is the actual object "descending" on the two startled witnesses of which Peter bent over back-wards to take the shot of its undersurface. The circle in the middle of the object, is actually concave when seen on the photograph. Various bright white lights are seen shining from this circular object which creates a halo effect in the sky around it.

Now we at SPI are not vindicating the authenticity of this photograph, we are keeping the back door open to the possibility of fraud, especially as the chap has destroyed the negative, which in itself is suspicious. Nevertheless, and until alternative solutions surface, here is the case and drawing for what its worth. By the way, the location of this photograph is only around 12 miles or so from Bonnybridge !

Case report compiled by Editor.

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■ VIDEOS FOR SALE. The Science Of Eternity. £12.50 + £1.50 p&p from, Summerlands Publishing Ltd, 'Helios' Gillsmans Hill, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, England, TN38 OSP. Also. The Pleiades Legacy. £12.99 + £1.50 p&p, from, The Pleiades Legacy, P.O. Box, 582, Woodford Green, Essex, England, 1J8 OYH. ■ FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SPIRIT. This will be taking place at the Scottish Exhibition Centre in Glasgow on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th of June 1995. Taking part will be, Michael Roll, on the science of spirit. Linda Muir on the philosophy of spirit. Simon James on the spirit of youth, and Jean Bassett on the religion of spirit. Conference registration fee is £25.00 per delegate, £15.00 concessionary which applies to O.A.P's and those on social security. Cheques made payable to, I.C.S. and send to, Fiona Ferguson Smith, ICS, 40 Ardgowan Drive Uddington, Glasgow, Scotland, G71 6AF. Proceeds will be used to organise a second International Conference of spirit, and for the advancement of spiritual knowledge. ■ NAS SEMINAR IN SCOTLAND ? I received a phone call from Alf Winchester of the Noah's Ark Society who informs me that he is very keen to stage a NAS seminar up in Scotland. I've provided Alf details of SPI's own meeting area in the Cowane Centre in Stirling, and hopefully, all being well, we might see the NAS coming up to Scotland in the summer. Apart from a seminar, I "think" their intention is also to demonstrate spirit survival through seance type conditions. ■ ENIGMAS PRICE INCREASE. ENIGMAS will be unfortunately increasing its price, (The first in 7 years) up to £15.00 per year, [£3.00 per single issue]. This increase also entitles you to become a member in which you will receive your SPI Membership Certificate. SPI Membership card, half price

entry into SPI meetings. This increase will probably come into effect with the next issue of ENIGMAS, (August-September 1995), so any re-subscribers, I would re-subscribe now at the old rate and save yourself a fiver. Which reminds me....SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE. For some this will be there last issue of ENIGMAS, if a cross appears in the following box, this means that your subscription has run out with this issue. Please re-subscribe and continue your support to Scottish UFO and Paranormal research. Thank you. ■ SPI BUSY WITH MEDIA. I've never known SPI to be so busy with the Press, Television, and Radio. We have assisted Anglia Television, (see article this issue), a spot on BBC Radio 4 which concerned Bonnybridge. The Weekly News, (Double page spread). The Scotsman, (4 page spread). The Daily Record, and many Scottish local Newspapers. Who said no one's interested in the paranormal these days ! ■ QUEST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SCOTLAND ? I've had talks over the phone with Graham Birdsall of UFO MAGAZINE, which is one of the leading UFO publications in the U.K. and of which is the voicebox of Quest International. Quest aim to stage a UFO Conference in the Falkirk Town Hall, scene of SPI's highly successful Conference last year. The Scottish press has stated that this will occur in the autumn, although I'm now reliably informed that the date they are looking to may well be January the 6th 1996. More details when we have them. Indeed members of Quest have visited the town of Bonnybridge over the past few months and have undertaken sky-watches there. ■ SPI CASE REPORTS. Once all the case notes are in, in regards to our research work, we shall present our findings here, so stay tuned, there is more to follow. Next issue is August-September. [MR].